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COUNCIL UNVEILS ITS LDP STRATEGY

THE long-awaited new Vale of Glamorgan Local Development Plan (LDP) was unveiled yesterday (Wednesday), as The GEM was going to press, writes PHILIP IRWIN.

The plan - a lengthy document in its own right - will also include detailed supporting papers that address issues such as infrastructure and education in the areas proposed for development.

Vale councillors saw the document on Monday and a number have gone public with reactions to certain aspects of the plan. (The GEM will be looking at these in more detail next week).

Plans to build 700 homes at Weycock Cross in Barry have been dropped, and a row is brewing over plans for a permanent travellers' camp in Sully.

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'PLEASE GREET US AT JOURNEY'S END'

Welshman's £20,000 homecoming in 'Help for Heroes' charity ride

A Serviceman from Barry will be returning to his home town, as part of a 'Help for Heroes' bike ride team, and hopes local people will welcome the riders at the finishing line in Rhose on Saturday, October 19, writes TIM CHAPMAN.

Joe McCann, aged 32, has a lot to thank the charity for - he received treatment for a spinal injury at its rehabilitation complex based at Headley Court.

Joe, a former pupil at St Cyres School, told The GEM: "I am a serving member of the Royal Air Force and wanted to highlight the event because I'm the only Welshman in the team, and part of the ride goes through my home town - Barry."

"I'm doing a 200km ride from RAF Brize Norton in Oxfordshire to Fontygary Bay caravan park in Rhose, with three other serving members of the RAF, Mark Bewick, Jamie Turnbull, and Steve Hillbeck."

"We want to raise £20,000 for the charity Help for Heroes."

The four men will be riding for four days, and stopping for rests and overnight stays at schools and community organisations on the route.

Help for Heroes was launched on October 1, 2007, with the aim of creating a network of support for wounded Service personnel and their families.

For those that suffered - and survived - horrific injuries in Iraq and Afghanistan, it means there is a charity dedicated to their recovery and future welfare.

The charity proclaims: "We will not let them fight these battles alone."

Joe said: "In 2010, I was treated at Headley Court for a life-changing injury. Since then, I have worked for two years in logistics. This cause means a great deal to me."

"The team will appreciate any support from the people of the Vale and south Wales."

"It would be great if people could turn up to welcome us at the end of the bike ride, which should be at around 1.30pm on Saturday, October 19."

To make donations, go to: virginmoneygiving.com/joemccann



ABOVE: The team heading for the Vale from Brize Norton - back row, Joe McCann and Jamie Turnbull; front, Mark Bewick and Steve Hillbeck.

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'Why I support Foodbanks' - MP

SOME of my political opponents have sought to twist comments I made in relation to Foodbanks, so I want to use this opportunity to set the record straight.

I am a strong supporter of Foodbanks. I donate regularly through my church. I refer constituents to the respective agencies for vouchers and visited a collection session some months ago.

Foodbanks offer a key service in bringing people back into the state support system. In order to receive a food package, individuals and families should present a voucher given by a care professional or organisation such as social workers, health visitors, Atal y Fro (Vale Women's Aid), CAB, GPs etc.

This way, anyone who is outside the state system, can be brought back into the range of welfare support programmes.

There can be many reasons why people find themselves in such a need: I highlighted some cases that I have referred for support. Families or individuals were victims of additions or violence. These comments

were twisted by some of my opponents.

I see such people as victims (and not to 'stigmatised' users) - sometimes through the actions of a family member or through a range of other complex reasons where the state, family or community support system may have failed. The Foodbank offers that opportunity to get the necessary help.

A Foodbank voucher grants a parcel of food aimed to last three days, and usually three vouchers can be used over a six-month period.

Naturally, there are a host of other more common reasons why people turn to the service and as one who can intervene in welfare delays, amongst many other issues, I call on those involved to refer cases to me.

I regularly pursue surgery casework in Parliament, to the Vale Council and to welfare agencies when constituents have been failed by such organisations.

Whatever my political opponents say, I will continue to support Foodbanks and will always act in the interests of constituents who are being failed by the system.

Alun Cairns, MP for the Vale of Glamorgan

Just the tip of the iceberg

I WAS amused and annoyed in equal measure by the letter from Mrs Heveron (The GEM, September 26).

I agree with her assertion that there is an increasing mis-use of the English language - the examples she gives are merely the tip of a very large iceberg.

Successful governments must accept some of the blame for the fall in standards, as they have allowed teachers to abandon grammar and spelling.

Where, however, I would take issue with Mrs Heveron is with the use of, for example, "awfully nice".

On the face of it, this is an oxymoron, as she points out, something

cannot be awful and at the same time be nice.

A closer look at the history of the language shows that 'awfully' was accepted to mean 'very or extremely'.

There are many examples where the original meanings of words have changed over time - 'prestigious' being a good example - its original meaning 'deceitful/cunning' has been completely overtaken.

I share Mrs Heveron's frustrations that people give little thought to the language they use. We must, however, allow the language to continue to develop, and at the same time treasure some of the oddities that we find in its usage.

John A Turner, Rhose

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'I would love to return home to Ystradowen'

I READ with interest last week's GEM story regarding the residents' opposition to new housing in Ystradowen.

In 1988, my parents bought a house in a village that had fewer than 100 houses.

I enjoyed my childhood years growing up, but it became apparent to an active child who loved the outdoors that the older I got, the fewer fields we had to play in!

The Larches, Clos Ffawydd, Ash Park, Badgers Brook and Sandy Lane saw a large influx of new villagers, but I didn't really get to meet them, as the lack of fields forced me inside to play on my Sega Megadrive.

I find it ironic and frustrating, therefore, that these same people that moved into the village back then, are now leading the opposition to the plans for 40 new houses.

I would love to move back to the village that I grew up in and for my children to have access to the excellent schools in the area, the terrific local sports clubs, and the lovely community that Ystradowen provides.

The arguments regarding the minimal amenities are true now, so what difference would 40 new houses make except to give the White Lion a better chance of survival?

Ystradowen does need new housing, and it needs more affordable housing so young profes-

sionals like myself can move into the village.

The people campaigning against the proposals are living in an ageing village, which is only affordable for those who have been on the property ladder for decades.

Some fresh-faced youngsters will brighten the place up again, so I certainly hope that the housing proposal is carried and perhaps, this prodigal son may be able to come home.

Andrew Howard, Cardiff.

'Plan can only end in tragedy'

AS reported in last week's GEM, there is a proposal to build 40 houses in Ystradowen on what is locally known as Sonya's Field.

Apart from the unsustainable nature of such a development in a village without a bus service and no safe cycle or pedestrian route to the local town of Cowbridge, the proposed access route off Badgers Brook Rise poses a significant safety risk.

The Rise is a cul-de-sac consisting of only eight houses on a sharp, blind corner which is also a steep hill on which local children play. Increasing the number of houses from eight to 48 will, according to the proposal, result in an extra 115 cars using this dangerous corner, which is especially difficult in winter.

The cars will also pass an unfenced children's park. Proceeding with this development can only end in tragedy. Alun Cairns' serious concerns are entirely justified.

Clive Evans, Cowbridge.
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'I cannot believe incomers object'
WITH reference to the proposed development on Primrose Hill, I have lived in the Cowbridge area for 65 years and in Westgate for 54 years.

When I came to live here, there was no Brookfield Park, no Broadshoat, no Geraint's Way or Verlands. If the old Cowbridge people had objected to these estates, most of the new objectors would not be living in Cowbridge.

So I have no objection to the proposed development and cannot believe that newcomers can object either!

David Adams, Barry.

'Success not dependant on grants'

IN 2010, Barry was awarded almost £10m of funding for regeneration by Plaid Cymru regeneration Minister, Jocelyn Davies AM.

Unfortunately, the current Welsh Government rejected the town's follow-up bid, meaning that Barry will miss out on a much-needed £15m.

Following this announcement, Plaid Cymru insisted that the Vale Council debate the failure of the new Barry regeneration bid, tabling a motion for discussion.

Seven of the 18 Barry councillors spoke - including all three Plaid Cymru councillors, the independent and three of the 14 Labour councillors. As there are no Conservative councillors in Barry, their speakers were from the rural Vale.

It was an open and frank debate in which Plaid Cymru councillors warned that the current regeneration programme was not delivering jobs and opportunities for the people of Barry and that it was clear that the council had no Plan B for Barry, other than relying on government handouts for regeneration.

If we are to ensure the much-needed regeneration of Barry, we must all pull in the same direction, ensuring co-operation and investment from the private, as well as the public, sector to deliver jobs and opportunities.

Barry's success or failure as a town depends on our imagination, innovation and creativity - not whether or not we meet criteria for regeneration grants.

Coun Ian Johnson, Barry.

'Pass the buck, while pensioners suffer'

I AGREE with your correspondent's (M Wilson, The GEM, September 19) poignant letter about the cuts to local bus services.

What a sad indictment that us pensioners who have worked all our lives should be abandoned and treated so shabbily.

Of course, it's a classic case of 'pass the buck'.

The bus company will blame the Welsh

Government, and the Welsh Government will blame Westminster.

Even so, couldn't the bus company re-route some remaining services (e.g. extend the Barry Circular to take in the West End and north Barry estates)?

When there is so much concern about the environment, it makes no sense to force more people into cars (if they are fortunate to be able to buy and run one, which most pensioners can't!).

Tony Robinson, Barry.

'Rethink these bus services'

I HAVE read the letters that Barry residents have written, upset that they cannot get a bus until after 9.30am. Unless you live near to Fontygary Road in Rhose, there is no public bus service.

I was watching BBC Breakfast this week and they were talking about people having to self-assess their ability to renew their driving licence at 70. I know, as a Vale resident, if I had to do this I would not declare myself unfit, as

the public services are now non-existent and I would be stranded.

The Greenlinks service that is displayed in my local bus stop is very useful, but it has to be booked the day before. The older residents of the Vale are becoming more restricted than ever.

These cuts are isolating them at a time when we should be supporting and encouraging their independence.

There needs to be a rethink about the services that are being provided. **Name and address supplied.**

FOR THE RECORD...

JUST in case someone thinks I'm over-egging my achievements, I think I should point out some errors in Dinas Powys Probus's report of a talk I gave on the first 10 years of my (32-year) RAF career.

Biggin Hill was where I was selected to be a pilot, not where I was trained, and, although I went on to fly the C-130 Hercules, it was a transport air-

craft, not a bomber.

When I flew it in the South Atlantic, it was to refuel other Hercules flying to the Falklands, not the Vulcan bombers attacking Port Stanley airfield.

Finally, although I commanded a detachment in southern Italy from which Harriers and Canberras flew in support of peacekeeping troops in the Balkans, I was never a Harrier or a Canberra pilot.

Ron Powell, Barry Island.

HIGH TIDE TIMES (UNTIL OCTOBER 10)

The high tides listed in this week's GEM are those in Porthcawl. It should be remembered that along the coast, high tide times will vary. For instance, in Barry, the high point will be 20 - 25 minutes later.

DATE	Time	Ht	Time	Ht
	AM	M	PM	M
03 Thur	06.03	9.0	18.18	9.4
04 Fri	06.41	9.4	18.56	9.8
05 Sat	07.15	9.8	19.31	10.0
06 Sun	07.54	10.1	20.10	10.2
07 Mon	08.31	10.1	20.49	10.1
08 Tues	09.09	10.0	21.28	9.9
09 Wed	09.49	9.7	22.11	9.6
10 Thur	10.34	9.4	22.58	9.0

While The GEM makes every effort to check the accuracy of tide tables, we recommend that anyone putting out to sea, or walking in an area where they could be cut off, should check with a tide table specific to their location.

'Scott 100 Letters competition winner Rhoose man's love of wildlife 'inspirational'



ABOVE:

Brent Richards' enthusiastic letter, describing some of the wonders of local wildlife, impressed the judges at the Wildfowl & Wetlands Trust.

A Rhoose man has won 'The Scott 100 Letters competition' after writing an inspirational letter to the young people of Britain.

Brent Richards' letter took first place in the Wildfowl & Wetlands Trust-sponsored competition, for exuding a love of wildlife and encouraging young people to be standard bearers in caring for it in the future.

Brent told The GEM that the roots of the competition lay in the writings of the famous Antarctic explorer Captain Scott.

"Captain Scott wrote an inspirational letter to his wife during his last fateful journey, in which he urged her to instil in their son (Peter, aged two) an interest in wildlife.

"My letter was to the children of the UK, urging them to take a similar interest."

Brent's victorious letter was featured in BBC TV's The One Show recently.

"My letter was posted from Antarctica by Kate Humble to Rhoose Primary School, and its receipt and their reaction, formed a large part of the One Show item.

"I am most keen to get all children actively involved with our extraordinary wildlife."

Captain Scott's son Peter was knighted in 1973 for his contribution to the conservation of wild animals. He founded a number of bird sanctuaries throughout his life.

This is the text of Brent's letter:

You alone hold our future and indeed the future of all living things in your hands. Past generations have made a real mess of our planet, but at long last we are all beginning to learn that we can and must make a difference.

Over the last 50 years or so, we have made great headway against the seemingly insurmountable problems of indifference, ignorance, political necessity and corporate greed but there is much still to be done.

When I was a boy in the 1950s, most of our rivers were so polluted they held little if any wildlife, now most are clean and healthy and once again full of fish - we need to keep them that way.

On the other hand, in those days I could often hear the wonderful song of the Nightingale or wander through hay

meadows full of wild flowers and butterflies, sadly much of that environment has since disappeared.

We need to save as much as we can of what we have left and recreate those environments wherever possible.

Many of you love your computers, so to start with, look up wild birds, wild flowers, insects and wild animals and see what an immense variety surround us.

Did you know, for example, that we have the fastest creature on earth here in the UK and it can be seen in most cities? It's the Peregrine Falcon and it can reach speeds of over 180mph.

We have snakes, lizards, bats, a moth that looks like a Humming Bird, a bird that walks along the bottom of rivers and one that flies nonstop for more than three years, all things that you could see.

All you have to do is switch off your computer and go for a walk. But when you go for the walk, take a long hard look at your environment.

If you see a wild flower take a good look at it, but don't damage it; look at its shape, its colour, the leaves and where it grows.

Look at the birds, their colour; the shape of their beaks; did you know that the shape of the beak will often tell you what they eat?

Fat beaks are usually for breaking into seeds, thin for eating insects, long for poking into tree bark or down into mud.

When you finish the walk, go home and write down the best bits and think what you could do to help our wild creatures.

The only creature on this planet capable of destroying it is man. We all need to be aware that we survive because of the natural balance of nature, a balance we are in great danger of upsetting completely. You all hold the future of this planet in your hands and only you can determine its ultimate fate.

Peter Morris of the Wildfowl & Wetlands Trust said: "We were looking for a letter that captured the magic and adventure of nature.

"Of the hundreds of wonderful letters we received, the judges were clearly very moved by Brent's words, and felt he could inspire people to explore their natural surroundings."

Double talk!

FRIENDS and Neighbours held their September meeting at The Senior Health Shop, Holton Road, Barry, where over 36 members enjoyed refreshments.

Gay Field, coordinator of the group, welcomed John Porter, Older People's Strategy coordinator and Alun Cairns MP.

John Porter gave a talk on the aims and purpose of the forum and ways it helps older people. Alun Cairns chatted to the members and then gave a talk on his experiences in Parliament.

He thanked the group for their support during his London Marathon run and also congratulated them on their hard work.

Island pupils' Turkish delight



CHILDREN at Barry Island Primary School took part in a wonderful world of adventure, during their Comenius-focused week.

Dosbarth Ceirios, the reception class, had the opportunity to study the country of Turkey in particular.

They welcomed visitors who spoke about 'International Children's Day' - a special time in Turkey and across Europe when many nations celebrate the achievements of their youngsters.

The visitors shared fantastic traditional pastries and cookies, before they helped the children balance this treat by teaching the class how to belly dance!

The children looked

at the Quran, and enjoyed exploring colours and textures in Turkish fabrics, before creating their own Turkish rugs - some of which became 'magic carpets'.

The children had an even bigger treat when they visited Barry's Izmir restaurant, run by the family of a little boy in reception class, and were treated like royalty. They watched a

video of Turkey, heard traditional music, danced, tried national costume and enjoyed delicious kebabs, as well as traditional chips from Wales! LD

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Work starts on £6.3m homes scheme at old courthouse site

WORK starts this month on a £6.3 million redevelopment on the site of the former Magistrates Court in Barry.

The Jehu Group has been appointed by Newydd Housing Association as the contractor. Working in partnership with the Vale Council, it will build 52 affordable homes, as

well as retail units. The site is in a key town centre location on Thompson Street and it is expected that tenants will move in during February 2015. Newydd will be working in partnership with the Jehu Group to create several apprenticeships and training opportunities for local people to work the scheme.

Paul Roberts, chief executive of Newydd,

said: "We would like to welcome the Jehu Group to the development team and congratulate them on winning the contract. We look forward to working with them and the Vale of Council to ensure that these homes meet the needs of residents in Barry and make a positive contribution to the regeneration of Barry. Our focus now is ensuring that local people get opportunities to work on this development, ensuring that this scheme gives more to the community than homes."

Coun Bronwen Brooks, cabinet member for housing, building maintenance and community safety at the Vale Council said: "This is an exciting new development for Barry, which will provide 52 critically-needed affordable homes in the area.

It will contribute to the regeneration of the Barry Renewal Area and provide training and employment for local people, which will also result in a positive impact on the economy."

Christmas tree festival planned

THE Parish of Cadoxton-Juxta-Barry is holding its second Christmas Tree Festival at St Mary's Church, Holton Road.

A spokeswoman said: "We are looking for local community groups, individuals, churches, or schools to display a Christmas tree of their own design in the Church of Saint Mary the Blessed Virgin, Barry during the festival."

"The trees will be judged by the Town Mayor and Vale Mayor along with Jane Hutt, and the tree that is thought to be the most original will be announced later in the week and presented with a certificate."

"The festival will

begin on Wednesday, December 11 at 6.30pm, with the switching on of the Christmas tree lights, followed by a musical evening of events to include Cadoxton School children who will be showing us the magic of playing the hand drums. Tickets will be available for this evening at a later date.

"The tree festival takes place from December 12-14 when the church will be open for visitors to come and look at the various trees on display. Many artists will visit during the festival with varied types of music."

Contact Mrs Susan Borges, on 01446 747928 or 07866078665; email borges888@btinternet.com.

Local man comes to aid of the RNLI

PENARTH RNLI has received a much-needed cash boost thanks to the generosity of a Rhosue man.

Retired BT engineer, Colin Parfitt, recently presented a cheque for £5,000 to members of Penarth's volunteer lifeboat team.

Along with his family and friends, 81-year-old Mr Parfitt, who lives in Rhosue, was given a VIP tour of Penarth lifeboat station, where he met some of the crew, and found out more about how the crew at Penarth give their time and commitment to help save lives at sea.

Ron Weedon, Mr Parfitt's son-in-law, said:



Jamie Morgans with Colin Parfitt

"Colin has always had a love of the British coastal waters and spent many happy hours on the Balmoral and Waverley when they sailed from Penarth Pier. It was on his trips out from Penarth that Colin started to be interested in the work of the RNLI."

"He respected their independence but was also aware that they relied heavily on charitable donations. Because of this, he has always supported the RNLI with regular donations and he hopes that he can continue to help this worthwhile cause in the future."

Jamie Morgans, Penarth RNLI's education officer, conducted their tour of the station.

He added: "The RNLI is entirely funded by voluntary contributions and we are absolutely thrilled

that Colin has decided to present us with such a generous gift. Penarth's RNLI lifeboat team has been extremely busy over the past year, with very many call outs around the Penarth coast and beyond."

"Without donations, we could not continue to train our volunteers to help save lives at sea."

WARD ADVICE

DYFAN Labour councillors Claire Curtis and Anthony Powell will be holding their monthly drop-in advice surgery for residents of Dyfan ward this Saturday, October 5, at the Highlight Park Community Centre in Barry from 11am-12pm.

No appointment is necessary.

Primary school boosts charity

THE St Andrews Major Primary School held a coffee morning on Friday, September 27, in aid of Macmillan Cancer Support.

Teachers Miss Gardner and Mrs Jones organised the event and parents and staff baked a huge number of cakes.

Local businesses donated raffle prizes and in total, the school

raised a brilliant £600! Headteacher, Mrs Jordan, said:

"Cancer is an illness that touches the lives of so many people and we are delighted to be involved in supporting the important work of Macmillan."

"The school community has really come together to make this event such a success and I thank them all."

All Saints reaches the £70,000 organ target

RUTH BROWN of 'Loose Boots', took 50 line dancers through their paces on Friday, September 20, including members of the congregation of All Saints Church, Barry.

Everyone had a fun evening of toe-tapping and heel-kicking.

The event included a buffet and raffle and made a fantastic £360 on the evening ensuring that the organ appeal had met its target of £70,000.

Ann Elliott of the fundraising sub-committee said: "We are most grateful to Ruth for supporting our appeal once

again. "The final £5,000 has been the hardest to raise but we are finally there which is testimony to all those who have organised and supported many events and sponsored a pipe towards the appeal over the last two and half years."

Ruth Brown was presented with a bunch of coloured roses for her support of the appeal.

The fundraising sub-committee would like to thank Anita and David Hop for organising the event on behalf of the appeal. AE

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Catwalk show for Stroke Association



Cathy Evans and Penny Evans.

A PENARTH business owner is hoping to raise vital funds for the Stroke Association – by holding a fashion show, using customers as models.

Cathy Evans, owner of Gingers of Penarth, is hosting the event on Thursday, October 10, at 7pm in the Parish Hall, Dinas Powys.

Cathy explained: "I like to organise two shows a year and they're always a good night out. We ask local customers to get involved and walk down the catwalk for us on the night."

"It's an event that brings the local community together and this time, it will be a great opportunity to raise awareness of stroke."

Penny Evans, a volunteer and founding member of Penarth and District Stroke Support

Group, said: "Over 11,000 people across Wales have a stroke each year and more than 65,100 people are living with the effects of stroke."

"We're always trying to think of new ways to campaign and raise awareness of stroke and we're delighted to have Cathy involved."

A bar and a raffle will be available on the night and fashion accessories will be available to purchase.

Tickets for the show are available in store from Gingers of Penarth, the town council office or Penny Evans on 02920 512105.

The group meet between 4pm-6pm on the first and third Thursday of every month at the Trinity Community Centre.

For more information about the group, call the Stroke Association office on 02920 524400.

Barry man jailed for breaching a restraining order

REPORT by AJ SICLUNA

THE ex-partner of a mother-of-two, who repeatedly flouted an order banning him from having any contact with her, has been jailed for six months at Cardiff Crown Court.

At one stage, 30-year-old Kenneth Crane, 30, told Lisa Docherty: "Watch your back, I'm

going to have all of you". Crane of Verona Place, Coldbrook, Barry, pleaded guilty to breaching a five-year restraining order.

Judge Peter Heywood, told him: "That order was designed to offer her protection. You were forbidden to communicate with her."

"I can only properly deal with this case by

passing a custodial sentence."

The judge warned Crane: "I want to spell this out to you in clear terms. That order remains in force."

"If you continue to breach it, you will be looking at a longer sentence. The maximum sentence for that offence is one of five years."

Prosecutor Tony Trigg said: "Miss Docherty had a relationship with Crane since 2005. By 2008, she had suffered abuse at his hands and ended it."

He had been involved in assault and harassment.

On March 31, magistrates made a five-year restraining order but two months later, he contacted her by sending text messages.

Miss Docherty did everything to prevent this and even obtained a new telephone number.

Once, within four hours, he sent her 39 messages.

"They were begging and cajoling, but gradually they became unpleasant and threatening," said Mr Trigg.

"One read "**** you, you stupid little ****. I hope you all die."

The victim contacted the police, who arrested Crane, and he admitted sending the messages.

Miss Docherty told the police she was fearful of what Crane would do because he had been violent towards her in the past. She said he had breached the order three times and wanted him punished.

The original order involved sending text messages to her which were "thoroughly and deeply offensive."

Said Mr Trigg: "She is very frightened of him".

His solicitor, Ann Griffiths, said: "He accepts his behaviour was completely irresponsible and that the victim was vulnerable."

Clearly, she said, the order had not been working.

She pointed out there was no violence or injury and that Crane had suffered depression and when in custody, had received counselling."

He was ordered to pay a victim surcharge of £80.



Bryn Hafren recently celebrated Language Day - and pupils dressed up in costumes from all over the world! See next week's GEM for more pictures from IAN DIXON and a full report.

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Mayor backs Big Knit for charity



THE Mayor of the Vale, Coun Margaret Wilkinson, recently supported one of her charities, Age Cymru, in its Big Knit 2013 fundraiser.

Local supporters, council staff and members of the Barry Hookers have been busy knitting bobble hats and, at a reception in the Mayor's Parlour, the Mayor presented 273 colourful hats to Emma Lionel from Age Cymru.

The bobble hats will soon be appearing on Innocent Smoothie bottles in Sainsbury's stores across Wales.

Emma said: "Age Cymru and our local partners across Wales have collected nearly 42,000 hats in total. Sainsbury's give Age Cymru a donation for every smoothie hat knitted and money raised by the Big Knit allows us to help older people stay fit, healthy and active during the winter months, and keep their homes warm."

Iron Age fort, an ancient yew, and a ruined church

WITH a forecast of low mist, Barbara decided to abandon her Bargoed walk and the Penarth and District Ramblers set off through the Millfields and Cwm George in Dinas Powys to reach Michaelston-le-Pit.

They made their way to Caerlau hill fort, which dates back to the Iron Age with the remains of the 13th Century St Mary's Church, wrecked during the reign of King Henry VIII.

After an ancient yew was destroyed by fire in 1937, vandalism and thefts continued and even though the church was rebuilt and re-consecrated, the vandalism continued, and it now lies in ruins - cared for by The Friends of St Mary's Church at Caerlau.

Another group of walkers, led by Joy, set off from Pontsticill reser-

voir to walk well-defined paths through part of the Taff Fechan Forest, emerging onto the road near Pontsticill village, from where they descended to cross the Taff Fechan River through fields from where there were mist-shrouded views of the surrounding countryside.

They crossed open moorland and stopped on the hillside overlooking the delightful Dyffryn Crawnon Valley for lunch, before turning southwest towards Cwm Callan.

They then crossed the road bridge between the Pentwyn and Pontsticill reservoirs.

On October 5, meet 9am at the Barry Waterfront for a nine-mile moderate walk taking in Old Castle and Ogmere Downs; contact Val on 01446 734925.

JS

PENARTH COMPUTER CLUB NEWS Making predictions...

PREDICTIONS can date rapidly, so it is unwise to delay setting them out.

Here are more of Peter's thoughts on the future of communications:

Connection: Phone masts enable us to be connected (almost) anywhere we may be. Fourth generation (4G) is being 'rolled out' and should cover the country by 2014/15.

It means all connections will be faster, even if not the same speed everywhere. 5G is estimated to arrive by the year 2020. Soon, all but the most remote locations will be connected and that will be on an 'always on' basis.

Meanwhile NFC (Near Field Connectivity) is now in use. It means your mobile device does not need to be connected physically, but needs

only to be near the device it needs to connect to.

Six years ago, a patient in heart surgery was fitted with a titanium pacemaker that could monitor his heart action and download the data overnight to a mobile phone on his bedside.

The phone would automatically connect to its base in Germany from anywhere in the world and upload the data for the records.

The GPS positioning feature in the phone allowed the base to know within a few metres where he was on the planet and alert a local medical team for emergency attention if his heart gave him problems. Then it was cutting edge, now it's not unusual and who knows what will be possible a few years soon.

Keyboard: Until recently, it was necessary to press physical keys on a keyboard.

Now small computers have virtual keyboards where you touch the picture of a key, thus eliminating a physical keyboard.

The keyboard might disappear as voice control improves to the extent that it can deal with regional accents, or if you have a sore throat. There is a demand for speech control, so it will continue to improve and

will be fully accepted eventually.

Operating system: Several operating systems are available and vying to become THE one to be used.

Windows 8 is new, and opinion varies from superb to irritatingly different.

Android is doing well on many devices or 'platforms' in various 'flavours'.

Ubuntu is an open source operating system (and free).

OSX is a further alternative.

It is difficult to construct a single system that will work equally well on all platforms and we will have to wait and see. Someone will eventually discover a 'killer' improvement and surge ahead.

In June, Peter observed that Nokia was nowhere in the mobile phone stakes. Now Microsoft is seriously looking at buying Nokia so that it can get in the game. See what I mean about predictions?

The next meeting is on Tuesday, October 8, at All Saints Lesser Hall, Victoria Square, Penarth, 7.30 pm - 9.30pm; 'Keeping Safe, looking at how to protect yourself on line'. See penarthcomputerclub.co.uk.

Howard Desmond

'Price is not right at Memorial Hall' — GEM READER

CONGRATULATIONS to the Trust at Barry Memorial Hall, on securing funding for the cinema.

How I wish funding could be obtained for our local amateur companies to perform on the Memorial Hall stage, or better still, that the price to hire it be reduced.

It is now so expensive to hire our own local theatre, that Pukka

Productions will in future be forced to use the Paget Rooms in Penarth, as they simply cannot afford to hire the Memorial Hall.

Another Barry theatre company, Billboard, use Dinas Powys community hall for their younger children, but continue to struggle to hire the Memorial Hall for their major productions. Surely this cannot be right?

Earlier this year, we have been fortunate and privileged to see three bril-

liant musicals performed by local theatre companies. In July, Pukka's *Joseph and the Amazing Technicolour Dreamcoat*; in August, Billboard's *Anything Goes*; and finally Superstars' *Grease*. All of them, wonderful shows.

How lovely for our Barry children to perform on their local stage, but how very sad if in future the cost of hiring their local theatre is too prohibitive.

It's great to see professional companies coming to Barry Memorial Hall, such as the brilliant comedy *Boeing Boeing* on Friday, October 4.

But let us not forget that the majority of professional actors obtained their love of stage and theatre as youngsters in an amateur company.

So, please let our Barry young people have that chance.

Deryn Grigg, Barry

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Local photographer reflects on anniversary of brush with fame!

by TIM CHAPMAN

PHOTOGRAPHER Mike Wilcock, well known for his pictorial records of life in the Vale, was once a young musical impresario who booked the world's top rock band.

It is exactly 50 years since he welcomed the Rolling Stones to a dance event in Morecambe, Lancashire – a fundraiser for the local cricket club.

Mike reminisced with The GEM on his memorable brush with fame during the 'Swinging Sixties'.

He recalled: "Fifty years ago, on September 27, 1963, I was very apprehensive due to the fact that I had booked a group to appear at the Floral Hall in Morecambe."

"At the time, I was working in the textile industry in my home town of Lancaster."

"The company had a sports and social club and needed to raise money to support its cricket team."

£200 TO SPEND

"They had £200 to spend on a fundraising event so I decided – along with the committee – to put on a dance at the Floral Hall in nearby Morecambe."

"I was an avid reader of the New Musical Express, and also a keen tape recorder enthusiast who recorded pop music off the radio. Friends of mine also formed a group called The Doodlebugs."

A decision had been made to hold a dance at the Floral Hall, but



The Rolling Stones in action on stage. PHOTOGRAPHED by MIKE WILCOCK.

Mike needed to book a number of groups who would play for six hours, from 8pm until 2am.

'BLUES, NOT POP'

"I contacted the Tito Burns agency in London and he suggested various groups who could come to Morecambe."

"One in particular had not been there before. He said they were not well known and played more blues music than pop. They would also cost £95 and play two 45 minute sets."

"Being ever cautious I only booked them once as £95 was a big risk. They were the Rolling Stones."

"Who would have thought that 50 years later they would still be performing and would still be the number one group?"

Mike and his pals eventually sold over 1,000 tickets for the gig and also had the Merseybeats, Dave Berry and the Cruisers, and The Doodlebugs on the bill.

"I remember Mick Jagger, Brian Jones and Keith Richard in the bar at the Floral

Hall having a drink and nobody recognised them."

"They were very quiet and looked smart in their white shirts and ties with leather waistcoats and Chelsea boots."

As you can see, Mike's photographs confirm his recollection of the Stones being well turned out.

When he spoke recently on BBC Radio Lancashire about the 50th anniversary, one man phoned in to say he recalled the event and how 'scruffy' the Rolling Stones were!

Mike wasn't expected to lay on hotel accommodation for young pop bands in the Sixties who were hungry for fame.

"The Rolling Stones had driven up from London that afternoon and drove back after the dance at 2am on the Saturday morning."

"People sat on the stage at the dance hall watching them perform because Morecambe wasn't yet ready to dance to their music. By this time their first record 'Come On' had been released."

"Once Jagger and

Richards started writing their own music they became too expensive to book for another sport club dance."

"Over the next few years Morecambe became a very popular resort for pop group dances."

"The Central Pier had dances throughout the summer on Friday, Saturday and Sunday nights."

"The groups included The Who, Gerry and the Pacemakers, The Hollies, Tom Jones, Hermans Hermits, Dave Dee, the The Animals and many more."

PRICES TOO HIGH

That golden era came to an end when large agencies booked national tours and prices became too high for smaller resorts."

The arrival of cheap flights to Spain where sunshine was guaranteed meant Morecambe fell out of favour."

The two piers in Morecambe were washed away, The Floral Hall has gone, and the Winter Gardens is still there but an empty shell."

Mike said: "I can say I was there at the start of a special time in British entertainment. I have even captured the story on my own DVD."

Mike is happy to give talks to local clubs or organisations and they can contact him on 01446 774502.

BARRY U3A MEETING

The speaker at Barry U3A on Monday, October 7 at 2pm in New Jerusalem Hall, Barry, will be Alun Cairns MP on 'The life of an MP.'

For further information on U3A activities, telephone John on 01446 413328

NEWS FROM BARRY COMPREHENSIVE

Getting to grips with the numbers game...

THIS academic year, numeracy is a hot topic at Barry Comprehensive School.

The current year-11 cohort returned to school (with year-7) for a 'maths and motivating' experience. Year-11 students focused on maths problems in the school hall and had special sessions from maths ambassadors Paul Harper from Cardiff University and Sofya Lyakhova from Swansea University.

Many year-11 students are now counting down to their first maths exam on November 6.

On September 19, a cohort of year-7 students and their parents took part in a range of maths strategies, working together to become more confident. At the same time, a group of year-11 students worked on numeracy challenges with their parents in the school hall.

It was really encouraging to see students and parents sitting side by side and working together. Another group of year-11 students had also come in with their parents to work on English.

There is a real commitment at the school to every student striving to improve their numeracy



Year-11 students focused on maths problems in the school hall.

and literacy skills. Maths and English are gateway qualifications and gaining these qualifications can significantly improve students' opportunities in the world of work.

We wish all students taking these qualifications in November the best of luck. **AC**



Paul Harper, from Cardiff University, taught classes to further inspire year-11.

House coffee for Macmillan

I held a very successful Macmillan open coffee morning on Thursday, September 26 at my house, between 9am and 1.30pm.

I would like to thank my family, friends, parents of my child-minded children, and Rhws school teachers, for supporting this wonderful charity and helping me to raise £142. Without their support and help, I would never have reached this amount. Thank you.

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MP's plea for measures to protect green areas from shale gas schemes

AS The GEM was going to press, details of the new local development plan (LDP) were being announced and local MP, Alun Cairns, said he hoped the Vale Council would include measures restricting industrial projects in green areas.

Mr Cairns believes they would protect the Vale against unwelcome fracking proposals, and in

the past has called for the Welsh Government to provide guidance to local authorities.

He said: "The development plan is drafted every 10 or 15 years and it sets out the local policies on which development applications will be considered.

"This is a once in a decade or so opportunity to introduce strong policies to protect green spaces. Many of these developments could be shale gas exploration or extraction.

"The Vale Council can introduce policies about

protecting green spaces, limiting noise pollution, setting a high bar on a range of environmental grounds.

"We need to do all possible to support our agricultural sector.

"Local farmers protect and preserve the land. Our policies should be aimed at making life easier for agricultural use and more difficult for industrialisation."

Mr Cairns claimed if the development plan didn't have protective measures, it could lead to negative consequences in the years to come.

"The Vale cabinet needs to seize this opportunity or I fear we could be paying the price in the years ahead.

"I hope the forthcoming LDP will reflect the needs and demands of the local communities."

There are currently three applications relating to shale gas exploration in the rural Vale under consideration.

They follow the Welsh Government's overruling of a rejection by local councillors to a proposal at Llandow two years ago.

LDP ANNOUNCED BY VALE COUNCIL

(CONTINUED FROM PAGE 1)

The Vale Council insists that this LDP will allow for more consultation time – a complaint made when the previous LDP was unveiled earlier this year.

As a result, a series of drop-in sessions have been organised so that people can get information and ask questions in advance of the consultation period. (Details of these are on the facing page, page 9).

The official consultation will last six weeks, starting early November.

Key points of the LDP, which will control development in the Vale up to 2026, include.

• No change in the

number of homes proposed. The council insists that Welsh Government (WG) projections have to be adhered to.

Should these be revised when new figures come out later this year, this can be taken into account over the life of the LDP.

• There will be a reduction of homes planned for Barry and the eastern Vale, so the western Vale can anticipate an increase.

• Llandow Newydd – a 2,500 home development – is a non-starter in this LDP, although it could come back to the table in 2026, when a new LDP will be needed.

• Western Vale development will aim to add homes to existing settlements, in an attempt to enable local people to live in the area, and

sustain local businesses.

• The Vale currently has 3.3 years of housing stock in the planning stage, and WG rules say that it should have five years.

• The new LDP will include areas allocated for housing that were not in the previous LDP.

• The LDP is not able, by law, to exclude wind farms and solar panel farms from any area – but it will seek to discourage applications in certain areas.

The LDP can be viewed on www.valeofglamorgan.gov.uk/lldp

The GEM has already received a large number of comments in advance of the unveiling of the LDP, and in the coming weeks, it's a fair bet that there will be many more!

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DYFAN PACT, North Walk Community Centre, North Walk, Barry, on October 6 at 7pm.

COURT PACT, YMCA Hub, Court Road, Barry, on October 10 between 10am and 12 noon.

STANWELL PACT, Elfed Avenue United Church, Penarth on October 11 at 7pm.

COWBRIDGE

PACT, local Fire Station, on October 14 at 7pm.

DINAS POWYS PACT, at Bethesda Chapel, Fair Oaks, on October 14 at 7pm.

ST AUGUSTINES PACT, Windsor Arms Public House, Penarth, on October 16 at 7pm.

BUTTRILLS PACT, Philip John Community Room, Barry Library on October 17, at 6.30am.

A REAL BUZZ FOR THE LADIES!

THE Vale NFU Ladies met on September 17 as usual in Penllyn Village Hall, when speaker Glyn Canter gave a very interesting and informative talk on bee keeping.

We sampled different types of honey, from bees nectaring on oil seed rape, corn, ivy, wild flowers, or just flowers from the garden and blossom. This year's sunny weather has been perfect for the bees. We all felt that Glyn was passionate about his hobby and he even brought along his protective clothing for wearing when handling the bees, and models of his hives and equipment.

A sting in the tail came when Mary Williams gave her vote of thanks to Glyn!



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VALE OF GLAMORGAN ANNOUNCEMENT

'A BLUEPRINT FOR THE FUTURE'

COUNCIL UNVEILS ITS NEW DRAFT LDP

THE Vale of Glamorgan Council has unveiled its revised blueprint for sustainable development in the Vale.

Once adopted, the replacement deposit draft local development plan will guide how land within the Vale is used up until 2026, including proposals for job creation, housing, services and infrastructure.

In November 2012, the council's cabinet recommended that a replacement plan should be produced, following concerns with the deposit plan drafted by the previous administration.

Cabinet members felt it was imperative that the council's deposit LDP contained the right mix of development in the right locations and that any development was fully supported by appropriate infrastructure. This approach was agreed by full council on January 23.

Since then, work has progressed on a plan which will seek to guide new sustainable development in the Vale of Glamorgan.

The draft deposit LDP is to be considered by the council's elected members between October 7 and October 23.

Coun Neil Moore, Leader, explained that he was committed

to ensuring that the replacement deposit draft plan put right the shortcomings of the previous version produced by the last administration.

"It is of utmost significance that this deposit draft plan comprehensively identifies and allocates land for the services and facilities that will be needed to support new development to 2026," he said.

"This plan contains significantly more detail and evidence on where new educational facilities, new community facilities, new health facilities, new transport proposals and new public open space allocations are required, as a result of the housing and employment growth that is anticipated in the Vale up to 2026."

Coun Lis Burnett, cabinet member for regeneration, innovation, planning and transportation, said: "One concern raised with us in relation to the previous deposit plan was that the statutory processes for consultation were difficult to understand, and that there was not enough time or opportunity for those interested to consider the content of the plan before being asked to comment on it."

"As a result, we have arranged a series of informal drop-in sessions where officers and members of the council will be available to answer any ques-

tions about the plan and processes involved so that people are able to familiarise themselves with the proposed draft deposit plan in advance of the statutory consultation."

Drop-in information sessions

THE informal drop-in sessions will run alongside the consideration of the deposit LDP by the council.

These drop-in sessions will be held between 5.30pm and 8pm on the following dates:

Monday, October 7 (Paget Rooms, Penarth).

Thursday, October 10 (Dock Offices, Barry).

Monday, October 14 (Lesser Hall, Town Hall, Cowbridge).

Tuesday, October 15 (Old School, Llantwit Major).

Tuesday, October 22 (Gathering Place, St Athan).

What happens next?

CABINET will consider the plan at its meeting on October 7. On Tuesday, October 8, the economy and environment scrutiny committee will consider the content of the plan. On October 16, the council's community liaison committee will have an opportunity to debate the plan, with the planning committee doing the same on Thursday, October 17.

On Monday, October 21, Cabinet will consider any rec-

ommendations made by the scrutiny, community liaison and planning committees and it is anticipated that the plan will be debated at the full council meeting on the evening of October 23.

Following this, and subject to the plan being agreed for consultation purposes, formal consultation will follow during a six-week period, the details of which will be made public in due course.

Coun Moore said: "Although formal representations on the deposit plan will not be able to be considered at this time in advance of the formal six-week period of consultation, it will allow people the opportunity to familiarise themselves with the plan in advance of making comments."

Coun Burnett said: "We want people to be able to participate fully in the LDP process, and I am delighted that we are able to offer these informal drop-in sessions, in advance of the formal statutory process."

"I consider it essential that, even while members of the council are still considering the content of the deposit draft local plan, it reaches a wide audience, so that people have the opportunity to see the plan and ask questions, before the formal public consultation begins later this year."

New health test for 65-year-olds

Men aged 65 in the Vale are being encouraged to take up the offer of a free NHS screening test which could save their lives.

Launched in May 2013, the Wales Abdominal Aortic Aneurysm Screening Programme (WAAASP) offers men a quick, painless, one-off ultrasound scan to check for a condition that can be life-threatening, if left undetected.

Screening clinics are held regularly in locations such as community hospitals, community health facilities and GP practices. In the Vale, regular clinics are held in Cowbridge and Llandough.

An Abdominal Aortic Aneurysm (AAA) can happen to anybody, but it is most common in men aged 65 and over who smoke; have high blood pressure; high cholesterol, or have a family history of AAA.

Men aged 65 will be invited for AAA screening if they live in Wales

and are registered with a GP practice.

Men who are eligible to be screened will receive an invitation letter and information leaflet through the post, offering them an appointment at a local screening clinic. The letter will give details on where the clinic is being held.

The test measures the size of the abdominal aorta. The aorta is the main blood vessel that supplies blood to the body.

Sometimes, as people grow older, the wall of the aorta in the abdomen can become weak, and stretch to form an aneurysm (a swelling).

When this happens, there is a risk that the aorta may split or tear (rupture).

Llywela Wilson, head of the Wales AAA screening programme

commented: "We would encourage all men who receive an appointment for AAA screening in Vale to take up the offer for this quick, free and very important health check."

"Men will be invited to a local clinic to have the ultrasound scan carried out by a qualified screener, and given the results straight away before they leave."

"Their GP will also be sent a written copy of the results. Men found to have a large AAA will be referred to the hospital specialist team to discuss treatment to repair it."

For further information, and for a list of clinic locations, visit the website www.aaascreening.wales.nhs.uk or telephone 01443 235 161.

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Vale of Glamorgan Local Development Plan (LDP)

Cynllun Datblygu Lleol Bro Morgannwg

Your Vale... Your Future

The Vale of Glamorgan Council has prepared a Draft Deposit Local Development Plan (LDP) which, once adopted, will guide how land within the Vale is used between 2011 and 2026.

The LDP contains a number of local planning policies and makes provision for the use of land for the purposes of housing, employment, retailing, recreation, transport, tourism, minerals, waste, and community uses. It also seeks to identify the infrastructure that will be required to meet the growth anticipated in the Vale of Glamorgan up to 2026.

The Draft Deposit LDP is to be considered by the Council's Elected Members between 7th October and 23rd October 2013, with the 7th October 2013 Cabinet Report. Deposit Draft LDP, and supporting documents, available on the Council's website (www.valeofglamorgan.gov.uk/ldp) from Wednesday 2nd October 2013.

To assist people to familiarise themselves with the proposed Draft Deposit Plan, in advance of the formal six-week public consultation exercise that will follow during November and December, a series of **informal drop-in sessions** are being held where Officers and Members will be available to answer any questions about the Draft Plan and the processes involved. These drop-in sessions will be held on the following dates:-

October / Hydref 2013 from 5:30pm - 8:00pm / rhwng 5:30pm - 8:00pm

- Monday 7th / Dydd Llun 7 at PENARTH - Paget Rooms / PENARTH - Ystafelloedd Paget
- Thursday 10th / Dydd Iau 10 at BARRY Dock Offices / Y BARRI - Swyddfeydd y Doc
- Monday 14th / Dydd Llun 14 at COWBRIDGE - Town Hall (Lesser Hall) / Y BONT-FAEN - Neuadd y Dref (Y Neuadd Leisaf)
- Tuesday 15th / Dydd Mawrth 15 at LLANTWIT MAJOR - Old School / LLANILLTUD FAWR - Yr Hen Ysgolli
- Tuesday 22nd / Dydd Mawrth 22 at ST ATHAN - Gathering Place / AINTATHAN - Y Man Yngymnall

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For more information, please contact the LDP team on 01446 700111 or e-mail LDP@valeofglamorgan.gov.uk.

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Grieving family say court fine is 'peanuts' after Nantymoel man is crushed by lorry

A RECYCLING firm based in Pyle has been fined a quarter of a million pounds and ordered to pay costs of £53,100 after a 21-year-old employee was tragically crushed to death when he was struck by a skip lorry as he was cleaning a weighbridge.

Rebecca Griffiths, prosecuting at Cardiff Crown Court, on behalf of the Health and Safety Executive, said: "Clearly, it was an accident waiting to happen and, sadly, it was the most serious it could have been."

Geraint Eagle (21) of Nantymoel, was cleaning mud off sensors on the weighbridge at the waste site run by Nolan Recycling Ltd, The Old Quarry, Stormy Down, when the incident occurred on December 2, 2010.

The company pleaded guilty to a breach of the Health and Safety at Work Act.

The court heard that an investigation by the Health and Safety Executive found that the company failed to appreciate all the risks associated with the site, to give full instructions, guidance and training to staff; to monitor and supervise staff, particularly Mr Eagle; to devise a transport policy, to segregate people from vehicles, to provide a system of proper maintenance for equipment such as the weighbridge; and, finally, to prepare a health and safety plan.

Mr Eagle, who had worked at the site for only six months and was popular and highly

respected, suffered fatal head injuries and died instantly.

Miss Griffiths said the accident was "foreseeable and avoidable".

The company had been established for 25 years, and was run by family members.

At the site, there was a constant flow of traffic. In the middle of the site was the weighbridge and all drivers would go there.

In winter, sensors became muddy, which prevented them from working, and removing the mud took several hours.

Mr Eagle was shown how to remove the mud, and later he worked unsupervised.

A lorry drove onto the weighbridge and as it left, it hit and crushed Mr Eagle.

Nine months later, she said, an inquest jury returned a narrative verdict.

The managing director of the company, said Miss Griffiths, had been responsible for health and safety.

A specialist report was prepared by the Health and Safety Executive and it concluded the company had failed to recognise risks.

"There was no safe system of work in place," she said.

When the collision occurred, she continued, the driver had gone into a site office and returned, drove on, unaware that Mr Eagle was working on the weighbridge.

"The accident had been foreseeable and could have been avoided," she said.

The court heard that Mr Eagle's partner, Elizabeth Evans, said in a statement that one moment she was totally

happy with a marvellous partner, a baby on the way, and a bright future.

"Then it was just me," she stated. Since his death, she had experienced bittersweet moments and added: "My son will never know his father, and have memories of him."

The deceased's father, Paul Eagle, said the effect of his death had been devastating.

Sadly, said Miss Griffiths, there was a systematic departure from good practice.

Toby Halliwell, representing the company, said: "The company expressed their deepest remorse and regret, and realise they will never be able to appreciate the level of suffering the family have endured."

"Mr Eagle was a responsible and well-liked employee, bubbly and enthusiastic and very hard-working, and is still missed greatly," he said.

He added: "A black cloud still hangs over the company."

He said the company believed they had a satisfactory health and safety policy, and genuinely believed they were doing what they needed to do for the safety of staff.

He said it was denied the accident was "almost inevitable".

Mr Halliwell said they didn't ignore their responsibilities in a cavalier fashion. After the accident, the company suspended work on the weighbridge, a new one

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was installed at a cost of £120,000 and all work methods were completely restructured.

Judge Stephen Hopkins QC said: "The defendant's company fell short of the applicable

safety standard."

Health and Safety Executive inspector Sarah Baldwin-Jones, said: "This was a horrific incident with tragic consequences, which left Mr Eagle's girlfriend with-

out a partner and his son, born eight months later, without a father."

There were multiple failings at the site, she added, which should have been obvious and could easily have been addressed.

While work was taking place, she said, the

weighbridge should have been closed.

Said Ms Baldwin-Jones: "There should be no excuse for companies in the waste industry not taking steps to safeguard their workers, as there is a wealth of information and guidance from trade bodies, as well as the

HSE."

Members of the family criticised the amount of the fine and described it as "peanuts".

Said Mr Eagle's father: "We all miss Geraint very much. This terrible tragedy has had a huge impact on the family."

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Poetry reading

THERE will be a poetry reading at the Green Room, Sustainable Wales, James Street, Porthcawl, on Friday, October 4 at 8pm.

John Barrie from Aberystwyth will be presenting new poetry, while the regular open mic will offer other writers the opportunity to perform in public.

Entrance £3; read, or simply find out what's happening on the Porthcawl cultural scene.

Contact Sustainable Wales on 01656 783962.

Older People's Day

THE Vale 50+ Strategy Forum invited the public to celebrate UK Older People's Day at a Wellbeing Fun Day at Llantwit Major Rugby Club on Tuesday, October 1.

This year, the forum brought together a wide range of information stands and activities. The information stalls included Age Concern, Vale Adult Learners, TeleV, Leisure Services, Everyone's Future, Llantwit Major Arts group, U3A, VOGC Welfare Rights, Valeways Walking Group, and the Vale Volunteer Bureau.

For more information on the forum, contact John Porter, older people's coordinator, at jporter@valeofglamorgan.gov.uk or 01446 450201.

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Crown Court warning... Barry woman's £13,000 fraud from the DWP

A MOTHER of two who defrauded the DWP out of more than £13,000 has been sentenced with a community order for a year at Cardiff Crown Court and made subject to a supervision order.

The court heard that Ashleigh Miller (25) was a "nervous wreck" when she came to court to be sentenced.

Miller, of Columbus Close, Barry, pleaded guilty to two charges of failing to notify a change in circum-

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stances.

Said Judge Eleri Rees: "If you come back before the court again for fraud of this kind, you'll go to prison. Your children will not save you."

Prosecutor Tracey Lloyd-Nesling said that Miller falsely claimed housing benefit, council tax benefit and income support.

She said she was separated from her partner and said only she and her children lived

together.

She denied receiving financial assistance from him, but, said Miss Lloyd-Nesling, they had been living together for some time.

The total overpayment, she said, was £13,371.

Miller was said to have convictions for shoplifting and causing criminal damage.

Andrew Jones, representing her, said: "When she came to court, she was a terrible, nervous wreck. This is an experience she never wants repeating."

He said the actual relationship between the couple had been "more off than on".

She left school, he said, without any qualifications but intended to address that.

He added that she was a full-time carer for her children and her partner was in employment.

"She has turned the corner and needs support," he added.

Don't evict people hit by 'bedroom tax' - SAYS PLAID COUNCILLOR

THE Vale Council has been urged to adopt a 'no evictions' policy for households who get into financial trouble because of the 'bedroom tax'.

Plaid Cymru councillor Ian Johnson, who represents Barry town centre, made the call after hearing that 250 households had got into arrears, or saw existing arrears worsen after the measure was introduced by the UK Government in April.

Warning that making evictions would not make financial or moral sense - especially with winter approaching, he went on:

"The bedroom tax means an extra cost of at least £728 per year for the 642 households affected.

"While around half of those affected are in credit, and others are being assisted by discretionary housing payments, this still leaves many families and households who are very worried about their future.

"I'm very glad that there has not yet been a noticeable increase in homelessness as a result of these unfair changes, but with winter approaching the last thing that anyone will want to see is people losing their homes.

"Given the cost of taking people to court, the rent lost and the cost of repairing and improving any houses that families are forced to leave, it makes little financial sense to make forced evictions.

"I have asked the council to consider a no evictions policy for households affected by the bedroom tax, providing they are behaving responsibly," he concluded.

Vale AM's surgery

VALE of Glamorgan AM Jane Hutt, will be holding an advice surgery this Saturday, October 5, at Barry Citizens' Advice Bureau on 119 Broad Street, from 10am to 12 noon.

Lib Dem surgery

ELUNED PARROT, Lib-Dem AM for south Wales central, will be holding an advice surgery at Morrisons Supermarket, Penny Way, Barry, between 1pm and 2pm on October 4. No appointment needed.

Farmers air concerns to Tory leader

LOCAL NFU Cymru members recently met on a farm with the leader of the Conservative group at the National Assembly, Andrew RT Davies AM.

Hosted by Mr and Mrs Edward Thomas and family of Pancross Farm, was an opportunity for members to raise a number of issues of concern with the regional AM.

Among issues raised was that of CAP reform, and the critical importance of ensuring that Wales receives a fair allocation of the UK budget when Westminster Government divides the UK allocation up amongst the home

ADVERTISING PROMOTION

The Place For Homes gears up for giant sale!

STAFF at The Place for Homes Ltd have been working around the clock - preparing for the company's biggest sale in its 45-year history.

The team at the hangar in Llandow were busily preparing and pricing goods for the sale, which began on Friday.

The Place For Homes is putting over £1 million worth of stock up for sale, with discounts of up to 70 per cent off - to enable the store to be refurbished to include a new coffee shop, curtain department and website.

More than 10,000 product lines are being offered at reduced prices and the store will reopen tomorrow at 10am when a big rush of bargain-hunters is expected.

Managing Director Rhian Francis said: "Our team had a huge task during the week (while the store was closed) preparing for the sale, the team had been brilliant. We closed our doors, they worked hard all week to make sure we were ready for the re-opening on Friday.

"The best thing about their job is serving and helping customers, so the last thing anyone wanted to do was close the store, but it is unfortunately something that we had to do in preparation for the massive sale.

"As has always been the case, Mr Leslie Phillips CBE, who has been associated with the store since its opening



Managing director Rhian Francis.

and who now takes the role of president; and my father, Mr Graham Nelson (Chairman) have given their complete support to the team and their knowledge and experience is invaluable.

"A couple of people questioned whether the store is closing down or under new ownership; this is absolutely NOT the case.

"We are doing the opposite; we are investing and improving the store and shopping experience and continuing the great work and commitment to value and service, that was

begun many years ago by Mr Phillips and Mr Nelson.

"The sale is being carried out to enable the store to be reorganised and refurbished to include a coffee bar that will provide complimentary refreshments to customers, a new curtain department, and a new website that will enable customers to view and purchase the products available at the store from the comfort of their own home.

"The sale will continue until we achieve a stock level that will enable us to go ahead with the refurbishment."

Campaign highlights need for 'adopters'

A NEW campaign aimed at recruiting new adopters has been launched at a special event in the Senedd.

The 'Adopt Wales Cymru' campaign has been created following a rise in the number of children and young people needing new families.

Gwenda Thomas AM, Deputy Minister for Social Services, sponsored the event which highlighted the need to raise awareness of adoption in south Wales, in order to attract more adopters, especially for those who are harder to place.

She said: "It was a privilege to be part of the launch of the Adopt Wales Cymru campaign. The challenge is clear; we need to recruit, approve and support more adopters in Wales to keep up with the demand of children requiring new adoptive families.

"This launch and campaign is a fantastic chance to increase awareness and highlight the current issues surrounding adoption in Wales and I am confident that this campaign, and the partnership as a whole, will be extremely successful in its plight to increase the pool of adopters.

"Hopefully, it will pro-

vide more children with a choice of adopters, to ensure that children are correctly matched with a forever family - without fail.

"This collaboration is a step in the right direction and demonstrates a commitment to the looked-after children of south Wales."

Former Olympic medalist, Jamie Baulch and TV presenter, Anna Ryder Richardson are fronting the campaign, alongside current adoptive families - many of whom attended the event.

At the launch in Cardiff, Jamie Baulch - who was adopted when he was three months old - said: "Adoption gives opportunities to children who are otherwise forgotten. It can bring unimaginable benefits in so many ways to children and parents.

"My experience and upbringing was so amazing. I sometimes forget I was even adopted. They are just mum and dad and they brought the world to life for me."

The campaign also aims to dispel the many myths surrounding adoption and make sure people are aware of the support and encouragement given throughout the adoption process.

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Valeways walks

ON Wednesday, October 2, the Coffee Shop Strollers meet at 10.30am in the Barry Hub, Bridge Cafe, Cold Knap.

On Sunday, October 6 at 2.30pm, 'Civil War Battlefield', meeting at St Fagan's Church.

On Tuesday, October 8, at 2pm, the Coffee Shop Strollers meet at Cosmeston hub, outside the Visitor Centre.

Llancarfan supper

THE annual harvest supper will be held on Saturday, October 5, in aid of church funds, at the Llancarfan Community Hall at 7pm for 7.30pm.

There will be a raffle and a bar. Tickets cost £10 and may be obtained from June Studley or pay at the door.

On Sunday, October 6, there will be a family Eucharist at 11am and Harvest thanksgiving evensong at 7pm.

All donations are being given to the Barry Foodbank.

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There is a bi-lingual celebration of the Harvest at St Tathan Church, St Athan, on Sunday, October 6 at 5pm.

Everyone is welcome at the event.

Thanksgiving at All Saints

All Saints Church, Penarth, is holding a special Harvest Thanksgiving service on October 6 at 10am.

Gifts of tins, packets or other dry foodstuffs suitable for the Penarth Foodbank will be presented during the service.

There will be worship items suitable for all ages, as well as a separate children's session and creche facilities.

All welcome. For more information, visit www.allsaintspenarth.org.uk.

Over 130 people of all ages attended a family service at All Saints, Penarth, on Sunday, September 22, with a special welcome provided to the 12th Penarth Brownie Pack.

The worship centred on the Parable of the Prodigal Son. The next family service will be held on Sunday, October 27, at 10am.

Vintage tractor fun for charity

OGMORE Castle Vintage Tractor Run takes place on October 6, in Ogmor Castle Field, Ogmor village.

Judging of the oldest vintage tractor on the field is at 10am and the run will start at 10.30am - via Ogmor-By-Sea, Southerndown, St Brides Major, Taircross, Lampha, Colwinston, Llyswoyney, Pentre Meyrick, Golden Mile, Corntown, Ewenny and back to Ogmor Village (approx 18 miles).

Entries £10 per tractor; all money raised will go to Macmillan Cancer Support.

Entry forms can be obtained from Basil George, Basil@basilgeorge.com (or 01656 654440 after 6pm).

Russian vocal ensemble

THE Bridgend Civic Charity Appeal and the Mayor of the county borough of Bridgend, Coun Clive James, have arranged a concert at Brackla Tabernacle Church, Bridgend, CF31 2DN, near The Triangle, Brackla, on Tuesday, October 8, at 7.30pm.

Voskresenije Vocal Ensemble from St Petersburg present a programme of music by Rachmaninov, Archangel'sky, Christov, Handel and traditional

WHAT'S ON AND WHERE

Russian folksongs. Also appearing are Ieuenctid Aelwyd, Porthcawl, with traditional Welsh songs.

Tickets £10, supporting local charities: Stroke Association, Heronsbridge School, Bicycle Recycling Workshop for 14 to 19 years project and GOFAL.

Further information from M Major (01656 664105) or M Thomas (01656 871439).

Fibromyalgia support group

THE next meeting of the Vale of Glamorgan Fibromyalgia Support Group is on Tuesday, October 8, from 11am-1pm. Call Gaynor for more details on 01446 733315.

Next meeting of history society

THE first meeting of the Dinas Powys Local History Society's winter season will be held on October 8, with the AGM at 6.30pm.

It will be followed by an illustrated talk on 'Barry Docks and its ships' by John Wilmott at 7.30pm.

Meetings are held in Kynance Hall (adjacent to the common) and all are welcome to attend.

An administration fee of £3 for non-members and £1.50 for members will be charged.

Enquiries to Betty Williams (02920 513524).

Finlandia in flowers

FINLANDIA is the title of a floral demonstration to be given by Mrs Janet Davies of Abergavenny, to members and friends of Barry Floral Society on October 8, at St Nicholas Hall, St Nicholas Road, Barry, at 2.15pm.

District Flower Arrangers' Club

COWBRIDGE and District Flower Arrangers' Club is meeting at 7.30pm on Wednesday, October 9, in the Lesser Hall, Cowbridge Town Hall.

Gloria Davies will give a demonstration entitled 'Season's Joy'.

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Art session

ON October 10, Cowbridge Art Society will welcome local artist Peter Cronin to lead a practical session of watercolour painting in the style of Edward Wesson.

The society meets on Thursday evenings at the Old Hall, Cowbridge, 7pm-9pm, and visitors and new members are welcome.

For details of the society's activities, see www.cowbridgeartsociety.com.

Folk star

ONE of the leading lights of the new folk renaissance, Lisa Knapp, heads to the West End Club, Barry on Saturday October 12.

She will be accompanied by husband Gerry Diver, multi-instrumentalist and Mercury nominated producer.

Tickets from Mike on 07561 143114.

Art show

RHOOSE Art Group

Craft fair in Barry

CYRIL Ridley and Beryl Weale, Enfy's Craft Fair organisers, returned home recently after touring Wales in their 1934 Morris 10-4 car with other members of the Morris Register.

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invites the public to its annual exhibition and sale of work on October 12 (11am-5pm) at the Community Centre, Stewart Road, Rhose.

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Volunteers needed

VOLUNTEER drivers are required during November to assist with the collection of gift shoeboxes from various locations throughout south Wales on behalf of the

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Anyone interested in supporting this worthwhile cause, should contact the area co-ordinator, Trevor Wooding, on 01443 22228, or Tony McCarthy on 01446 760520.

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Winter opening hours are Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday, 9am to 4pm, Thursday through to Sunday 9am until late.

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Jackman's latest takes you Prisoner

HUGH JACKMAN has certainly been a busy boy this year.

Having warbled his way through revolutionary France in *Les Misérables* (and picking up an Oscar nomination for best actor for his troubles), he then donned the garb of The Wolverine in this summer's blockbuster.

His third effort of the year, *Prisoners*, sees him play Keller Dover, whose life gets thrown when his daughter, along with another young girl, vanishes. The police, led by detective Loki (Jake Gyllenhal) arrest Alex Jones (Paul Dano), but release him due to lack of evidence.

However, when Keller takes the law into his own hands, and takes Alex prisoner, it starts a murky race against time to find the girls – and discover whether Alex is innocent or guilty...

As unpleasant a subject as it is, child abduction is something that has been in the

news with alarming regularity recently, making *Prisoners* a timely piece of filmmaking.

However, what director Denis Villeneuve and writer Aaron Guzikowski are more interested in are the moral arguments concerning those who are guilty, or accused of such crimes – does implied guilt mean that these people are answerable to all, or should their fate be left in the hands of those tasked with keeping us safe?

It's an intriguing set-up and one the pair don't waste, as *Prisoners* is a gripping and engrossing film, even if it does start to feel its 153 minutes come the climax.

Villeneuve's direction is suitably bleak and dark, the film takes place in what feels like a constant stream of rain, and the visuals perfectly match the tone of the piece.

What it lacks in its low-key look, it certainly makes up for in terms of the drive and weight of Guzikowski's script; this is unhurried, slow-revealing direction that constantly

has you asking questions.

That these questions don't wholly revolve around a 'whodunnit' is a testament to Guzikowski's ambitions, the script only really lapsing into generic thriller territory come the conclusion. Instead, the aforementioned moral questions are posed, with Guzikowski managing to remain ambivalent in the face of what could have been too right-on.

Gathering a strong cast, the film definitely delivers on performance. Hugh Jackman makes it a hat-trick of strong performances for the year, conveying the emotion and anger of an 'everyman' whose life is in danger of turning upside down with a hard-boiled tension, while opposite him Jake Gyllenhal offers a performance of slow-burning intensity, his detective (who has solved every case he's worked on) feeling the pressure not just to deliver for himself but also for the two families.

Both Paul Dano and Maria Bello shine in

their roles, as does Terrence Howard as he continues his big-screen redemption, but this is a film that rests on the shoulders of Jackman and Gyllenhal.

Aside from the film's rather overlong running time, the only other complaints to be levied at it are its lapse into formula come the conclusion and the fact that having made the effort to pose intriguing questions, it leaves many of them unanswered.

However, *Prisoners* is still an impressive offering that is worth catching.

VERDICT – A bleak and powerful film that will keep you on the edge of your seat, *Prisoners* is a cut above most thrillers thanks to a clever script and direction; coupled with strong performances, primarily from Hugh Jackman and Jake Gyllenhal, you have a gripping piece of work. Enjoyable.

SEE THIS IF YOU LIKED: *Se7en* (1995), *Mystic River* (2003).



by **GARETH JAMIESON**
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The group on Ben Nevis earlier this year.

Ty Hafan lottery draw winners

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A GROUP of ramblers has raised £260 on a 16-mile walk to help raise awareness and vital funds for Macmillan Cancer Support.

Tracey Morris, Fiona Davies, Sallie Sturgess, Debbie Rees and Joanna Bardol, all from Barry, took on the challenge of Bryn Garw Country Parc, Ogmore Vale.

Tracey said: "The walk went well but was longer than expected, 16 miles instead of 14!! It was very challenging as we had to climb two mountains. We are all very tired but feeling quite proud of ourselves knowing that we can fund a Macmillan nurse for a few hours to someone who needs it."

Rebecca Parke, Macmillan's fundraising manager in Cardiff, said: "We are so grateful to the group for choosing to take their hobby and turn it into a fundraiser to help us reach our aim of making sure no one has to face cancer alone."

"Macmillan is almost entirely funded by donations so every penny that the team raises really will help to make a difference to the support we can provide people."

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Stow away garden furniture and secure the contents of your shed. Prepare garden machinery for winter;

Inspect and clean gutters of leaves and debris. Check for broken or missing roof slates;

Ensure paths and steps are free from leaves and stock up on supplies of salt grit. Keep a shovel in a place easy to access;

Replace broken light bulbs and familiarise yourself with the fuse box trip-switches. Know where your candles and torch are stored;

Many garages carry out free checks on car tyres, lights and anti-freeze – use them;

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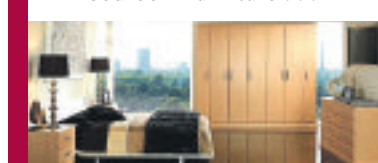


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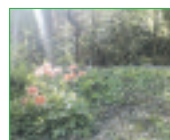
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Negative impact on climate change is inevitable and... 'Fracking will not cut energy bills'

In a week when scientists said that they are 95 per cent certain that humans are the "dominant cause" of global warming, the prospect of fracking in the Vale of Glamorgan has grown larger.

Meanwhile, Bank of America, Aviva Insurance, Threadneedle Investment, and Conservative Party donor Alexander Temerk, are just some of the leading companies and business people who have been openly critical of the Government's support of, and tax incentives for, fracking, and dismissal of better alternatives.

Our MP, Alun Cairns, has been very keen to be seen supporting those opposing fracking.

However, he has failed to make it clear that whilst he is critical of the planning process and the non-adoption of

the Localism Act in Wales, he is in favour of fracking, fearing a "looming energy crisis".

Perhaps he's in favour of fracking in the desolate north-east (or west) rather than the Vale of Glamorgan?

It's inevitable that fracking will have a negative impact on climate change – along with other negative environmental factors locally.

Given our position in a global gas market, fracking will not reduce energy bills. As our representative in Parliament, we constituents need to know what our voice in the Government is saying and how our vote will be used.

Where exactly does Mr Cairns stand on fracking, and why does he believe that there is a looming "energy crisis"?

I believe that I can quash any fears of an energy crisis he decides to share.

Ian Perry, St Nicholas

Greater fairness of the 'bedroom tax'

IAM writing because I am tired of reading, week after week, of people saying the 'bedroom tax' should be axed, and I'd like to ask them why they think this?

Anyone who works and claims housing benefits to help towards their rent can only claim what they are entitled to.

Put simply, I work part time; I am £15 a week better off by doing so.

To enable me to live, I claim top-up housing benefit.

However, as there is only me and one child living in the house I am only claim the rate for a two-bedroomed house.

If I choose to live in anything bigger, then I have to make up the rent myself from my earnings. The rate for a two-bed-

roomed house, I believe, is £549 per month – so if I choose to live in a three-bedroomed house which, for argument's sake is £600 a month, I have to make up the £51 a month shortfall myself. So why shouldn't social tenants do the same?

Private rentals are not as scarce as social housing. I appreciate that; however, they are much more expensive.

If working people do not want to make up the shortfall on their rent, they have to move to something smaller and cheaper – so why shouldn't social tenants have to do the same?

The introduction of the bedroom tax ensures that everyone is treated in the same way, working or not – so how can that be classed as unfair?

J Stephens, Barry.

FUNDING: 'we must learn lessons'

THE Vale Council's bid for £15m of regeneration money for Barry has failed – and we need to know why.

In the meantime, we have to suffer the political huffing, puffing and finger pointing, but what we truly need to know can only come from the Welsh Government, ie the real reason.

Surprisingly, they have said it would be inappropriate to say why.

The council leader says the bid "was as good as anyone else's" and the Minister's priority changed, but that

analysis begs the question as to how 11 other bids were successful.

The Welsh Government's key operating principles emphasised the 'genuine involvement of communities' and a 'bottom-up approach'. However, I'm not sure how that was achieved!

Barry is now without additional funding to regenerate the town, and the only way we can prepare for future bidding opportunities is by learning the lessons of failure.

The biggest mistakes are those where we learn nothing.

Dennis Harkus (FocusBARRY member)

Readers' Letters

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'Horrorified' at scheme to build 40 more homes at Ystradowen

IFEEL compelled to write in relation to the planning application which has been submitted to the Vale of Glamorgan Council for 40 new houses on the field off Badger's Brook Rise in Ystradowen, that you covered last week in The GEM.

As a resident of Badger's Brook Rise, which is a quiet cul-de-sac of five houses, I am horrified that a planning application has been submitted for an additional 40 houses in the field next door to my house.

The planning application is suggesting entry to the new development by turning the cul-de-sac into a through road,

meaning that a suggested 115 cars would access the proposed development via a thin strip of land at the end of a cul-de-sac.

It is with concern to road safety that I deeply object to the application; the cul-de-sac currently serving five houses in my opinion does not have the capacity to serve an additional 40 houses and the increased volume of traffic they would bring with them (the planning application suggests an additional 115 cars).

Due to Ystradowen's remote location, no bus service, no pedestrian footpath going in either the direction of Cowbridge or Pontyclun, meaning that cycling and walking is unsafe along the busy main road in either direction, car travel is the only option.

The residents of these

new houses would have no choice but to use their cars, meaning up to 115 cars negotiating a single carriageway to exit and to gain access into the estate along St Owain's Crescent (with high levels of residents' cars parked on one entire side), before negotiating the tight bend at the top of Badger's Brook Rise with concealed entrances and limited visibility to see oncoming traffic, in my opinion is unacceptable.

With the suggested 115 cars I fear that it would only be a matter of time before an accident would occur. A car

accident is one thing but I fear for our children's safety more than anything and believe that if the Vale of Glamorgan Council would accept this planning application it would be an extremely unwise decision.

As residents, we would be unable to let our children play outside, because the risk of harm coming to them would be too high.

The freedom they currently enjoy, which is so important to their growing up, would be lost forever.

Stephen Evans, Ystradowen

'Access to new site will endanger local children'

THERE are many grounds upon which the latest 40-house development proposal in Ystradowen should be rejected.

Not least is that the proposal is diametrically opposed to the Welsh Assembly Government's direction on sustainability, coalescence, forced use of private transport, lack of infrastructure services, maintenance of the village character, water-logged site, outside the village boundary, impact on the existing inhabitants, over-subscribed schooling and the disregard the proposal has for the Vale of Glamorgan's own hierarchical structure.

However, these infringements pale into insignificance compared to the danger the proposed new site access will create.

The plan calls for an additional 109 cars for the 37 houses accessing/exiting the new development on a regular basis, past a children's unfenced playing field, round a blind bend situated on the brow of a hill, on a minimum legal

width road, through what is currently a five house cul-de-sac relatively safe haven for children to cycle, ride scooters, skate etc.

The traffic movement for the existing five houses is still of concern, but personal involvement generates considerable care.

Opening up this cul-de-sac to accommodate the additional 109 cars will not maintain this care.

On-road parking frequently means exiting the cul-de-sac on the wrong side of the road – the blind bend safety risk small due to the low traffic frequency – but the 74 per cent proposed traffic flow increase could generate conditions where, at best, regular traffic accidents are likely to happen but at worst, and of considerably more concern, a child fatality.

This must not be allowed to happen. I beseech the Vale planning committee to please, reject this proposal now, and pursue their rejection at the subsequence appeal.

AR Evans, Ystradowen.

'Use your bus service!'

IWENT to the recent meeting where we were told that services 97A, 97 will not be here next year.

So, goodbye Billy and John, the excellent drivers, who know many Barry people, old and young. If we don't use this service, by next year it will be gone forever. I use it every day and notice how the drivers care for everyone.

The kids feel safe, when either driver takes them to school. So, please for the Barry community, save the 97 and 97A – by using it!

E Roberts, Barry.

'APPALLED BY BUS COMMENT'

IWAS shocked and appalled to discover that the Leader of the Vale Council used a meeting of full council last week to blame bus users for the loss of rural services.

Rather than taking responsibility for a dire situation and working with bus users to ensure that some kind of service remains in place for those who need it, he offered this advice to those who still have a service – "Use it or lose it".

This was appalling arrogance on the part of a man who clearly doesn't understand rural communities and he

should be ashamed. The full record of last week's council meeting will be published online in the next couple of days, and I would strongly urge residents to take a look for themselves.

Contrary to Coun Moore's offensive outburst, it is a combination of 12.5 per cent Welsh Labour Government cuts to bus grants and the Vale Council's own budget cuts that are causing routes to be withdrawn.

He should offer an immediate and full apology to the many residents who rely on public transport and who have been affected by lost bus routes.

Andrew RT Davies AM (Leader of the Welsh Conservatives)

The Vale Council Leader replies...

'He wasn't there, and I did not make offensive remark'

IAM surprised that Andrew RT Davies has made this attack on me, when he was neither at the meeting nor has his facts right.

Once again, it seems that Andrew RT Davies is making up stories that suit his political attack on the Vale Council.

He has alleged I made derogatory remarks at the last full council meeting about the users of buses, which is absolutely incorrect.

He has twisted what I said, but this is no surprise as he makes things up on a regular basis to suit his story.

What I am concerned about is that people will believe him.

It is true that a question was asked about buses. I actually reiterated a comment made by a resident at a recent community cabinet, who commented that to his knowledge only one of the 60+ people in the

room who were complaining about buses actually used the bus.

I did not make a comment as suggested, but the point the resident made is, in some respect, accurate, in that for a bus service to be viable people need to use it.

I also made the point that although some services have been lost, I would recommend and commend people to use the Greenlinks Services that are available through the council.

I did acknowledge the reasons for the services being withdrawn by the bus operators, but I also confirmed that the council is carrying out a full and fundamental review of the bus services within the Vale – but that we had initially concentrated on the main bus routes, such as the introduction of the 303 service.

I did not say "use it or lose it", as alleged.

Coun Neil Moore (Leader of the Vale of Glamorgan Council)

A right to speak up

IDO not share MP Alun Cairns' politics, but some of letter writer Marc Delaney's comments border on the absurd. Here are a few examples from recent weeks:

Mr Cairns does not have the right to comment on the actions of the Welsh Assembly as he is an MP, not an AM. What price free speech?

Mr Cairns should not berate the WAG for failing to properly fund the Vale. Why not? The WAG have consistently underfunded the Vale and it is a pity more people do not question the WAG in this matter.

Mr Cairns supports austerity measures – well, according to many polls, so do the majority of the British public. Incidentally, the Labour

Party is committed to maintaining the Tories' spending plans.

I could go on and on. Where I do agree with Mr Delaney is that actions speak louder than words. Here in Wales and in the Vale, we have seen the outcomes of the Labour-controlled WAG.

Some of those outcomes include a failing education system, an underperforming Welsh Health Service, and an inability to attract employers into Wales.

All these are within the remit of the WAG. Let us hope that Mr Delaney springs into action and at the very least begins to ask questions of his AM, rather than criticising those who do.

John A Turner, Rhosce

OBITUARY: Mr Gordon Mephram, Pencoed**Popular music teacher dies**

IT is with deep regret that we record the death on September 20 of Mr Gordon Mephram, of Pencoed, who taught violin and music at a number of local schools, after moving to the area in 1968.

Originally from Barry, he was a gifted viola player, who was selected to play with the National Youth Orchestra of Wales in the 1950s, before going on to train at the Guild Hall School of Music and had been a principal with City of Birmingham Symphony Orchestra and the (then) BBC Welsh Orchestra.

During his National Service, he was a member of the Band of the Coldstream Guards.

After an accident damaged one of his fingers and ended his professional playing career, Gordon began a second career in the Vale of Glamorgan, as a peripatetic music teacher.

Known for his sharp sense of humour, he

worked his students hard and had high expectations of their musical abilities, but he was respected and loved by his pupils and he was equally proud of them.

To his great joy, in semi-retirement, he was able to continue to be a part of Pencoed Comprehensive. The crowning moment of his teaching career was conducting the school orchestra at the Royal Festival Hall in London the year they won a national schools' orchestra competition.

Gordon was a familiar figure in both the Bridgend and Vale county boroughs, and a great local character, often seen propping up the bar in a variety of pubs and sharing out produce from his prolific home vegetable garden.

He leaves a daughter, Mrs Celia McMahon, Berkshire, a son, Rev Ali Mephram, Dorset, and five grandchildren.

The service will take place on Wednesday, October 9 at Coychurch Crematorium.

TOP CRIME WRITERS VISIT COWBRIDGE BOOK FESTIVAL

FROM Ben Kane's ancient Rome (last week's GEM) to Bristol and the Wye Valley via Moscow, Marrakech, Italy and Dubai – that's the journey followers of the Cowbridge Book Festival can make, if they attend both the Ben Kane event on October 9 and the Festival's Crime Forum on October 16.

Who better qualified to discuss crime in both

the real and fictional world than a former spy, criminal barrister and lawyer, Chris Morgan Jones, M R Hall and William Ryan? Each of these acclaimed crime writers has a different expertise to draw on, when it comes to plotting their highly successful novels.

Before becoming a writer, Chris Morgan Jones worked at the world's largest intelligence agency, and uses his vast experience to great advantage in the writing of his gripping

spy thrillers, featuring Ben Webster.

Making a welcome return to Cowbridge, M R Hall is the successful author of crime fiction novels and the creator of the Jenny Cooper coroner series.

William Ryan worked as a lawyer in Dublin, before taking up writing full time. His Alexei Korolev historical crime series is set in 1930s Stalinist Russia.

Crime Forum will be held at the Cowbridge United Free Church on Wednesday, October 16

at 7.30pm. Tickets are £6, to include a glass of wine. All proceeds from the events will be donated to The Noah's Ark Appeal Children's Hospital of Wales and Leukemia and Lymphoma Research.

Tickets are available from David Barnes (Dry cleaners) 35 High Street, Cowbridge; Nickleby's Pound Field, Llantwit Major; or online from TicketlineUK 02920 230130; or telephone 01446 774827. SRC

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'Sister Becci' is nominated as Nurse of the Year

REBECCA Roberts of Ystradowen has earned the title of a care home's 'number one angel' and now hopes to be crowned Nurse of the Year in a major national competition.

Known simply as 'Sister Becci' to residents and staff alike, 50-year-old Rebecca has recently become matron designate of the Forge Care Centre in Ely, where she prides herself on balancing a high level of professionalism with a dash of humour.

This commitment and dedication to the role she describes as "the most wonderful job in the world" has landed her a place in the final of the 2013 Wales Care Awards.

Rebecca lives in Ystradowen with her husband of 26 years Alistair and their two sons, 18-year-old Sam and Matt (16) who both play basketball for Wales, and has been shortlisted in the Nurse of the Year Category, sponsored by Tena Products.

The glittering presentation ceremony will be held at City Hall in Cardiff on Friday, October 18.

Born and raised in Bristol, Rebecca completed her nursing training at London's Bart's Hospital in 1985, before spells in NHS and private hospitals across Wales and England.



Rebecca Roberts at the Forge, Cardiff, with resident John Bendall.

Rebecca joined the Forge as a senior nurse in late 2010, when it first opened its doors.

Last year, she was promoted deputy matron and was recently appointed to the top job of matron, which she is due to formally take over soon.

She is now responsible for the care of 76 residents, along with the 130 staff members.

Alexandra Kelleher, Director of Nursing for the Summerhill Group, of which the Forge is part, said: "Her outstanding leadership skills and ability to lead by example mean that staff respect her and ask for advice on clinical

issues and in the management of challenging situations."

Rebecca said: "I nearly died of embarrassment when I heard I had been nominated for the Wales Care Award because I don't do the job for the glory."

"It also made me feel very humble and it's lovely to be nominated, but I see this as an award for all at the Forge and not just me."

"I'm looking forward to the presentation evening at Cardiff City Hall and my parents, Trevor and Doreen Catton, are flying in especially from their home in Spain to be with me and my husband Alistair on the big night."

Airline expands service from Cardiff Airport

SPANISH airline Vueling has launched the first phase of its programme for Summer 2014 from Rhosee, committing to its third year at Cardiff airport.

On the back of positive customer feedback and growing sales Vueling has put flights to Alicante, Malaga and Palma Majorca on sale much earlier to catch eager Welsh travellers planning for next summer. Each flight will operate three times a week and prices start at 59.99 Euros, it was reported.

The programme follows Vueling's commitment to operate winter services from Cardiff Airport in 2013/14 which extends its flying programme to an all year-round operation. The winter flights to Malaga and Alicante will operate on Tuesdays and Saturdays.

Javier Suarez, Vueling's network planning director said: "In less than two years, more than 100,000 passengers have already experienced our outstanding services and competitive fares available from Cardiff Airport."

"We are now excited to offer them the possibility to fly to Alicante and Malaga, not only in the summer, but in the winter as well."

Jon Horne, chief executive at Cardiff Airport added: "I am delighted

that Vueling has shown its commitment to serving Wales in Summer 2014 and by putting the first phase of flights on sale now to these popular summer destinations, it allows our customers to plan and book well in advance.

"There has been lots of encouraging feedback from customers who have flown with Vueling, not only offering competitive prices, but also a good flying experience, which has translated into the success of the services and their continued growth."

"We continue to work with airlines to win more flights back to Cardiff, creating more choice for Welsh passengers from their local airport."

Flights to Alicante, Malaga will operate on Tuesdays, Thursdays and Saturdays from April 1, 2014, adding to the existing winter schedule. Flights to Palma Majorca will operate on Tuesdays, Thursdays and Saturdays from June 21, 2014. Tickets are available via www.vueling.com, travel agents, Vueling's iPhone app, mobile portal m.vueling.com, and call centre (UK number) 0906 754 7541.

Barry mum's top apprentice award

A MUM-of-four from Barry who left school at 15, has been shortlisted for a prestigious national award.

Nicola Sanigar is one of 36 finalists in 13 categories of the Apprenticeship Awards Cymru 2013, organised jointly by the Welsh Government and the National Training Federation for Wales (NTFW). She is shortlisted for the Employability Steps to Employment Learner of the year award.

Nicola (35), who left school without any qualifications, has passed her childcare qualifications and secured a job at a nursery.

She had not been in paid employment before and her only experience had been raising her own children, aged nine to 17.

The awards recognise the outstanding achievements of learners, employers and providers involved in the delivery



Nicola Sanigar, an 'outstanding' learner.

of quality apprenticeships and other work-based learning programmes across Wales.

The Apprenticeship Programme is funded by the Welsh Government with the support of the European Social Fund.

The winners will be announced at a high profile awards ceremony at the Celtic Manor Resort, Newport on Friday (October 18).

"I really wanted a job and I knew I wanted to work with children," she said. "I started by volunteering at a playgroup run by a friend and really enjoyed it,

but I knew that I needed to get some qualifications before I could secure paid work."

Her local Job Centre encouraged her to contact TSW Training and she joined its Steps to Employment course, working towards Children's Care Learning and Development Level 2.

She completed the course and found herself a job at Daisy Day Nursery. She is now working towards Children's Care Learning and Development Level 3.

"I'm really happy to have been nominated," she said. "I've worked very hard to develop myself and provide a better life for my children. I'm so much more confident and I have a job I really enjoy."

Sunday stroller found Has anybody lost a terrapin?

A SMALL terrapin taking a Sunday stroll in a Barry street has been rescued by an RSPCA officer.

The tiny reptile was spotted by a member of the public in Main Street on the morning of Sunday, September 29. It has a white ring mark on his shell and seems to be in good condition.

RSPCA inspector Gemma Black said: "How this terrapin ended up in a Barry street is a complete mystery. We would like to hear from anyone in the area who is looking for a terrapin matching this description. It just goes to show that the RSPCA exists to help all creatures great and small!"

Anyone with information should contact the RSPCA inspectorate appeal line on 0300 123 8018. All calls are treated in confidence.

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LETTERS extra

'It's difficult to manage money you haven't got'

Mr Alun Cairns has made his views clear on what he thinks of people who, for no fault of their own, find a need to use a Foodbank - his comments are insulting and patronising.

They are insulting, not only to the people needing help, to feed their families, but also the many volunteers who give of their time freely, to help with the collection and distribution of what is, to many, a vital lifeline.

So now we know what he thinks of the thousands of constituents who give so generously

when the call goes out, as it will again soon to help those in need. According to him, you are just helping those who are either on drugs, or, I quote, "can't manage their money".

Well, Mr Cairns, it is very difficult to manage money that you have not got. And no, I have not misinterpreted your views - nor are they taken out of context.

In conclusion, I have been one of the first to attack the Vale Council in the past, but I find it hypocritical of Mr Cairns to criticize the council for cutting the bus service, when at the same time he supports the Government that brought in these cuts in the first place.

David Lloyd, Barry

Politicians and the real world

WITH reference to a letter on bus services in the Vale, may I add how disappointed I was to realise I cannot return to work this September, as it could take me as long as two and a half hours to achieve a previous 35-minute journey to Cardiff.

I need to be at my place of work by 8.30am but there is no bus to enable me to achieve this.

I cannot catch the train as it does not stop within walking distance of my place of work and would involve catching a bus that runs once an hour from the bus station.

Since when did Cardiff Airport have planes landing and taking off every 20 minutes? (An average of two

a day would be more accurate.)

Why does a bus (X91) which used to offer a satisfactory service, now have a route where there are no houses or businesses? I thought we were supposed to be encouraging people to use public transport and get jobs!

Rhosee is a growing village and with even more houses due to be built in the near future, this is proving to be a retrograde step.

It appears to be just another exercise in saving money in one direction and spending more in the other.

It will not be until politicians get into the real world that they will ever appreciate the voters' needs, and stop making knee-jerk decisions, without asking the people it will affect.

Angela Grimes, Rhosee

'Weight off my mind'

MAY I use your letters columns to thank the person who handed in my house keys, which I lost at Cardiff Airport on Friday, September 13.

I was in Tenerife, when I realised I had lost them and was expecting to have to pay to change locks at the very least; so when my neighbour, Mrs Jean Cassam, found that they had been handed in at the airport and kindly went to collect them, a great weight was lifted from my mind. Thank you so much.

Mrs Bramble Coppins, Barry

Writer returns with one-woman show

A LLANBLETHIAN writer and performer is bringing her one-woman show to the Vale next Thursday, October 10, at 7.30pm.

Lowri Jenkins will be performing *To London Love Me*, at her debut performance in Wales.

She has previously performed the show in London and Venice. It tells the story of a young

woman's impulsive move to the big city, and her struggle to settle in.

Although Lowri is the only actor on stage, there is live musical accompaniment by guitarist Mat Martin.

Tickets are available from St Donat's Arts Centre, www.stdonats.com

Fill out survey for chance to win £250

PARENTS or carers of a child up to 18 years could win £250 - by completing a childcare survey from the Vale Council.

A spokesperson said: "By completing our childcare survey, which can be found on the consultation pages on the council's website, you will be entered into a prize draw to win £250."

"Please read the terms and conditions of entry into the prize draw at www.valeofglamorgan.gov.uk."

the country where businesses can receive financial assistance in exchange for creating jobs in that area.

Currently, there are no areas in the Vale which qualify, however the Vale Council has made a case that large parts of the county be included from 2014 when the new Assisted Areas map is published.

The Vale Council's cabinet member for regeneration, Coun Lis Burnett, said: "Since the map was last published

for 2007, the St Athan - Cardiff Airport Enterprise Zone has changed the economic landscape. With public ownership of these sites there is potential to develop innovative means of attracting new businesses to the area.

"Gaining Assisted Area status would encourage businesses to invest in the Vale with the incentive of support to enable business growth, which in turn would lead to more local jobs."

"We've made a robust case for the broader benefits of including Cardiff Airport, together with the land at St Athan, along with neighbouring areas such as Barry in the new Assisted Area status map - as these are areas where the private sector can play an increasingly important role in regeneration," she added.

Children learn to Hit the Surf safely!



RNLI Hit the Surf session held at Whitmore Bay - Romilly school supplied the picture.

CHILDREN from eight Vale schools had the chance to swap the classroom for Whitmore Bay – as RNLI lifeguards held the educational 'Hit the Surf' programme for the first time in Barry.

During the two-hour interactive sessions, the primary school children were taught the meaning of beach flags, rip currents, dangers of tombstoning, as well as donning wetsuits to learn basic board skills.

Mayor's coffee

THE Mayor of Barry, Coun Claire Curtis, will be hosting a coffee morning on Saturday, October 19, in the Mayor's Parlour, Barry Town Council, 7 Gladstone Road, Barry, 10.30am to 12pm.

All proceeds are in aid of the Mayor's charities, Ty Hapus and The JAM Fund. Entry fee £3.

For more information, contact 01446 704921 or e-mail juliehurd@barrytowncouncil.gov.uk

'Free school meals' urged

LIB-DEM regional AM Eluned Parrott has pledged to campaign for pupils in Wales to receive free school meals, in line with plans in England.

She said that families across the local area would hugely benefit.

"Welsh families spend around £400 on school meals a year. The Welsh Liberal Democrats recognise the financial strain families are under, which is exactly why we want free school meals in Wales to become a reality."

Changing roles at Vale Twinning group

BARRY resident Paul Baker is the new chairperson of the Vale of Glamorgan Twinning Association and his vice-chairperson is Chris Murray, of The Vale of Glamorgan Oompah Band.

Paul has lived in Barry for over 50 years, a local artist and long-time member of Barry Yacht Club, Rowing Club, and Vale of Glamorgan Artists. Paul studied ceramic art at UWIC and exhibits work all over the Vale.

Paul's ambition is to twin many schools with in the Vale, and link sporting clubs and any interested organisations with our twin towns of Rheinfelden (Germany), Fecamp (France) and Mouscron (Belgium).

The Vale also has friendship agreements with Jurbarkas in



Lithuania and Nuemarkt in Italy.

The association is grateful for all the hard work and dedication shown by outgoing chairperson, Rodney Care, and wish him well for the future.

So far this year, representatives from Barry have attended events in Fecamp and the Trottoirfest in Rheinfelden and will shortly play host to twin towns at the annual Cowbridge Food and Drink Festival, on October 26 – 27.

Any groups that wish to be put in touch with similar organisations in these twin towns should contact VOGTA secretary, Mr M Petherick, Civic Offices, Holton Road, Barry, CF63 4RU, WG

Chris Murray on accordion, vice chairperson of VOGTA and members of the VOG Oompah Band.



Paul Baker, new chairperson of VOGTA.

THE VALE OF GLAMORGAN COUNCIL (PROHIBITION AND RESTRICTION OF WAITING AND LOADING AND PARKING PLACES) (CIVIL ENFORCEMENT) (AMENDMENT) (NO 4) ORDER 2013

1. Notice is given that the Vale of Glamorgan Council in exercise of its powers under sections 1, 2, 3, 4, 32, 35, 45, 46, 53 and 124 and Part IV of Schedule 9 of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984 and Part 6 of the Traffic Management Act 2004 and of all other enabling powers proposes to make an Order, the general effect of which is to amend and remove the parking places at the locations specified in the Schedules below.

2. Full details of the proposals, may be inspected at the address shown below during normal office hours and any objections you may have to this proposal must be submitted to the Director of Visible Services & Housing (Ref. IF669, 682 & 716) in writing by 25th October 2013 and must contain the grounds upon which you object.

3. Persons objecting to the proposed Order are advised that in view of the Local Government (Access to Information) Act 1985 this Council is legally obliged to make any comments received in response to the proposed Order open to public inspection.

The following Traffic Regulation Order is to be amended as follows:
Prohibition and Restriction of Waiting and Loading and Parking Places (Civil Enforcement) Order 2013

SCHEDULE 1

Delete Map AW51 – Limited Waiting Monday to Saturday 8am-6pm. No return within 2 hours

Broad Street Barry

On the northern Side from a point 72 metres south west of Its junction with Buttrills Road for a distance of 27 metres south west.

SCHEDULE 2

Insert New Map AW51/4-13 – Prohibition of Waiting At Any Time Broad Street Barry

On the northern Side from a point 72 metres south west of Its junction with Buttrills Road for a distance of 27 metres south west

Insert New Maps Y60, Z60, AA60 & AB60 - Prohibition of Waiting At Any Time

B4267 Leckwith Road, Leckwith

On its west side from the Vale of Glamorgan boundary at the River Ely road bridge and contiguous with the restriction implemented by Cardiff City Council for a distance of 688 metres south.

On its east side from that same point for a distance of 215 metres south and from a point 461 metres from that same point for a distance of 294 metres south.

Insert New Map AB60 - Prohibition of Waiting At Any Time Woodland Lane Leckwith

On both sides from its junction with B4267 Leckwith Road for a distance of 13 metres west

Insert New Map AB60 - Prohibition of Waiting At Any Time Lon Cwrt Ynyston Leckwith

On both sides from its junction with B4267 Leckwith Road for a distance of 10 metres south

Insert New Map AU24/4-13 Prohibition of Waiting Mon-Fri 8am to 9am and 3pm to 4pm

Ham Lane East Llantwit Major

On both sides from a point approximately 14 metres south of its junction with Boverton Road southwards for a distance of approximately 75.5 metres

Dated this 3rd day of October 2013

M. E. Punter,
Director of Visible Services & Housing
Vale of Glamorgan Council,
The Alps, Wenvoe. CF5 6AA.



CYNGOR BRO MORGANNWG 2013

GORCHYMYN (GORFODI SIFIL)
(DIWYGIO) (RHIF 4) (GWAHARDD AROS,
LLWYTHO A PHARCIO A CHYFYNGU AR
AROS LLWYTHO A PHARCIO)

1. Hysbysir trwy hyn y bydd Cyngor Bro Morgannwg, gan arfer ei bwerau o dan adranau 1, 2, 3, 4, 32, 35, 45, 46, 53 a 124, a Rhan IV Atodlen 9 Deddf Rheoli Traffig y Ffyrdd 1984 a Rhan 6 Deddf Rheoli Traffig 2004, a phob p. er galluogi arall, yn gwneud Gorchymyn. Diben cyffredinol y Gorchymyn hwnnw fydd newid a dileu'r manau parcio yn y lleoedd sydd wedi'u nodi yn yr Atodleni isod.

2. Cewch weld y cynigion llawn drwy fynd i'r cyfeiriad isod yn ystod oriau swyddfa arferol. Os oes gennych unrhyw wrthwynebiad i'r cynnig, dylech anfon llythyr at Gyfarwyddwr Gwasanaethau Gweladwy a Thai (Cyf. 669, 682 & 716) erbyn 25 Hydref 2013 gan nodi'ch rhesymau dros ei wrthwynebu.

3. Dylai'r sawl sy'n gwrthwynebu'r Gorchymyn gofio hyn: yn unol â Deddf Llywodraeth Leol (Hawl i Wybodaeth) 1985, y mae'n rhaid i'r cyngor hwn sicrhau bod unrhyw ymateb a gaiff i'r gorchymyn dan sylw ar gael i'r cyhoedd ei astudio.

Bydd y gorchymyn Rheoli Traffig canlynol yn cael ei ddiwygio fel a ganlyn:
Gorchymyn (Gorffodi Sifil) Gwahardd Aros, Llwyddo a Pharcio a Chyfyngu ar Aros, Llwytho a Pharcio 2013.

ATODLEN 1

Dil. er y canlynol o Fap AW51 – Cyfyngu ar Aros rhwng Dydd Llun a Dydd Sadwrn 8am-6pm. Dim hawl dychwelyd cyn pen 2 awr.

Broad Street, Y Barry

Ar ei hochr ogleddol o fan sy'n 72 metr i'r de orllewin o'r gyffordd â Buttrills Road am 27 metr i gyfeiriad y de orllewin.

ATODLEN 2

Cynhywyser Map Newydd AW51/4-13 – Gwahardd Aros ar Unrhyw Adeg

Broad Street, Y Barry

Ar ei hochr ogleddol o fan sy'n 72 metr i'r de orllewin o'r gyffordd â Buttrills Road am 27 metr i gyfeiriad y de orllewin.

Cynhywyser Map Newydd Y60, Z60, AA60 & AB60 - Gwahardd Aros ar Unrhyw Adeg

B4267 Leckwith Road, Lecwydd

Ar ei hochr orllewinol o ffin Bro Morgannwg wrth y bont ffordd dros afon Elai ac yn unol â'r cyfyngiadau a weithredwyd gan Gyngor Dinas Caerdydd am 688 metr i gyfeiriad y de.

Ar ei hochr ddwyreiniol o'r un lle'n union am 215 metr i gyfeiriad y de ac o fan sy'n 461 metr o'r lle hwnnw am 294 metr i gyfeiriad y de.

Cynhywyser Map Newydd AB60 - Gwahardd Aros ar Unrhyw Adeg Woodland Lane, Lecwydd

Ar y ddwy ochr o'r gyffordd â Leckwith Road (B4267) am 13 metr i gyfeiriad y gorllewin.

Cynhywyser Map Newydd AB60 - Gwahardd Aros ar Unrhyw Adeg Lôn Cwrt Ynyston, Lecwydd

Ar y ddwy ochr o'r gyffordd â Leckwith Road (B4267) am 10 metr i gyfeiriad y de.

Cynhywyser Map Newydd AU24/4-13 - Gwahardd Aros rhwng dydd Llun a dydd Gwener 8am - 9am a 3pm - 4pm

Ham Lane East, Llanilltud Fawr

Ar y ddwy ochr o fan sydd oddeutu 14 metr i'r de o'r gyffordd â Boverton Road am ryw 75.5 metr i gyfeiriad y de.

Dyddiedig 3 Hydref 2013

M. E. Punter,
Cyfarwyddwr Gwasanaethau Gweladwy a Thai,
Cyngor Bro Morgannwg,
Canolfan yr Alpau, Gwelff. CF5 6AA.



Welsh Hearts fashion show

TV WEATHER Cardiff, featuring the latest trends from Luxor Akhgar and Real Radio's Jason Harrold will compete a fashion show which will raise money to buy defibrillators and emergency lifesaving equipment throughout Wales.

Welsh Hearts will be holding their autumn into winter fashion show on Monday, October 21, at the Hilton Hotel in

Cardiff, featuring the latest trends from Luxor Boutique in Wellfield Road and Sands Hair Design.

Tickets £10, with a drinks reception and entertainment. Stalls give a chance for early Christmas shopping.

For tickets, contact 02920 494004; 01633 681788; 07730944700, fundraising@welshhearts.org, or visit www.welshhearts.org.

WHAT'S ON

- in brief

Diabetes talk

THE Vale of Glamorgan Diabetes UK Voluntary Group will hold its next meeting on Tuesday, October 15, in the Board Room, Llandough Hospital, Penarth, from 7.30pm to 9pm.

Dr Karianne Backx will give a talk on exercise and diabetes. All are welcome.

Sports Chaplaincy in Wales talk

FIND out about this interesting form of Christian mission and ministry happening in rugby, football and other sports, at a presentation by Rev Steve Jones, chaplaincy support director for Welsh Sport at St David's Methodist Church, Winston Road, Barry, on Sunday October 20 (kick-off 4pm).

Contact Rev Peter Taylor at revpete@live.co.uk, 01446 406262. Information about Sports Chaplaincy? www.sportschaplaincy.org.uk

Llangollen's invitation to local choirs

AN appeal has gone out to choirs from Bridgend and the Vale to compete for the UK's biggest choral prize.

The Llangollen International Musical Eisteddfod is looking for an even stronger entry next year to compete for nearly £30,000 in prize money – the biggest pot on offer in choral competition in the UK – and they'd like to see a strong home challenge.

That's especially true of the event's blue ribbon event, the Choir of the World competition for the Pavarotti Trophy.

Eisteddfod musical director and acclaimed choral conductor and composer Eilir Owen Griffiths is determined to encourage more entries from Bridgend and the Vale, and is throwing the event 'open'.

That means next year's Choir of the World could be a rock choir, a gospel choir, a jazz choir or a barbershop chorus and the musical director is also considering extending the eisteddfod bursary scheme so that home-based choirs can get financial help to compete.

He is finalising plans for next year's International Eisteddfod which takes place from Tuesday, July 8, to Sunday, July 13, and which will offer a new



EILIR OWEN GRIFFITHS.

range of choral competitions to encourage a greater variety of choirs to take part.

He is looking for more entrants at all levels, and for choirs and individuals who just want to be a part of one of the UK's greatest cultural events.

He said: "This year's winning choir were from Australia and were wonderful, and last year's winners were from Germany, while the only two-time winners are from the Philippines."

"Llangollen is not just about competition, it is about the experience of simply being here, being part of this wonderful event and performing at this fantastic venue."

For more on Llangollen International Musical Eisteddfod go to <http://international-eisteddfod.co.uk/> or check out <https://www.facebook.com/mlangollen>.

'Strong policy guidance is needed on fracking' – MP

LOCAL MP Alun Cairns has called on the Vale Council to include measures in the forthcoming LDP that will restrict the opportunities for industrial development in green areas, including shale gas extraction in the Vale.

Mr Cairns has previously criticised the Welsh Government for not offering local authorities guidance on this. He believes that the drafting of the LDP offers a great opportunity locally to introduce strong policies to prevent such developments within the rural areas.

There are currently three applications relating to shale gas exploration in the rural Vale under consideration.

These follow the Welsh Government overruling of the rejection by local councillors to the Llandow proposal two years ago.

Mr Cairns said: "The

Development Plan is drafted every ten or fifteen years and it sets out the local policies on which development applications will be considered.

"This is a once in ten or fifteen year opportunity to introduce strong policies to manage and restrict development on green spaces. Many of these developments could be shale gas exploration or extraction."

"The Vale Council can introduce policies about protecting green spaces, limiting noise pollution, setting a high bar on a range of environmental grounds."

"I hope the forthcoming LDP will reflect the needs and demands of the local communities."

CHURCH THANKS

A SONGS of Praise festival to give thanks for the church organ work, takes place on Sunday (October 6) at 6.30pm in All Saints, Park Road, Barry.

Older People's Commissioner visits Vale 50+



Forum members, Older People's coordinator, and guests: Sarah Rochira is in the centre.

THE Older People's Commissioner for Wales, Sarah Rochira, was the guest speaker at the Vale 50+ Strategy Forum's open executive meeting on September 26.

The Commissioner gave a passionate and informative talk on her role and work as Commissioner for Older People in Wales, a Forum spokesperson reports.

A new framework for action outlines the Commissioner's priorities and the changes she expects to see for older people, as well as the role she will play in delivering these changes.

The Commissioner has used the voices of older people to develop five priorities within the 'Framework for Action':

Embedding the well-being of older people at the heart of public services; Driving up the quality of – and availability and access to – health and social care; Protecting and improving community services, facilities and infrastructure; Standing up for older people who are at risk of harm and ensuring that they are safeguarded and protected and tackling prejudice, inequality and discrimination.

For more information on The Vale 50+ Strategy Forum, log on to valeofwalesplus.net or contact Older Peoples' coordinator on 01446 450201 or email jporter@valeofglamorgan.gov.uk.

LOCAL BANDS HONOUR NEIL



ABOVE: NEIL LEWIS

ON October 11, from 7pm, some of the best local bands will once again combine forces at Barry Island Sports & Social Club – in memory of local musician Neil Lewis, who passed away in 2009.

Neil's son Rhys has been organizing the event each year and this year's event will raise money for Ronald McDonald House and The SAFE foundation.

The evening will feature sets from The

Relics, authentic Led Zeppelin tribute act The Hindenburgs, rising star Lawrence John, new rockers Stonehouse and Outback covers band,

formed from previous members of Freeway and current members of The Navigators.

Contact Rhys on 07595497255.

'RAGSY' GIG

ON December 7, BBC's The Voice singer Gary Ryland ('Ragsy') who was part of Sir Tom Jones's team, will be playing Barry West End Club.

He needs two support acts and is supporting a competition for acoustic artists and singers to be played out online – and the two prizes will be a 30-minute slot on Ragsy's bill!

If you would like to take part, e-mail barryvoice@btinternet.com.

THE VALE OF GLAMORGAN COUNCIL Notice of Council Resolution

1. The Vale of Glamorgan Council ('the Council') resolved on 25 September 2013 that the following provisions of the Local Government (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act 1982 (as amended) ('the Act') shall apply to the area of this Council:

Section 14 – acupuncture

Section 15 – tattooing, semi-permanent skin-colouring, cosmetic piercing and electrolysis

Section 16 – provisions supplementary to section 14 and 15

Section 17 – power to enter premises (acupuncture etc.)

2. The date upon which these provisions will come into effect will be 26 October 2013.

3. The general effect of this resolution is, subject to the exceptions detailed below, that a person who carries on the business of tattooing; semi-permanent skin-colouring; cosmetic piercing; or electrolysis must be registered with this Council, and they can only carry on their business in premises which have also been registered. The certificate of registration must be prominently displayed at the place where business is carried on. The Council is empowered to charge fees for registration. Applications for registration must be accompanied by the following information – details of your identity and evidence of address, in particular details of the premises concerned and particulars of any conviction of the applicant under section 16 of the 1982 Act. A person who contravenes section 14 or section 15 will be guilty of an offence, and liable, on conviction, to a fine not exceeding £1000, or suspension or cancellation of registration or both. An authorised officer of the Council may apply to a Justice of the Peace for a warrant to enter premises on suspicion that an offence under Section 16 is being committed there.

4. The Council will be applying in the near future for confirmation of byelaws under this Act with regard to the cleanliness of premises, fittings, persons, instruments, materials and equipment connected with the business of tattooing, semi-permanent skin-colouring, cosmetic piercing, electrolysis in the area of the Council.

5. Exceptions:

These provisions of the Act do not extend to the carrying on of the business of tattooing, semi-permanent skin-colouring, cosmetic piercing or electrolysis by or under the supervision of a registered medical practitioner (i.e. means a fully registered person within the meaning of the Medical Act 1983 who holds a licence to practise under that Act)

A person who is registered under the provisions of the Act specified in paragraph 1 above will not be committing an offence by engaging in the activity otherwise than at registered premises merely because he sometimes visits people at their request to provide his services.

Head of Legal Services
Vale of Glamorgan Council

CYNGOR BRO MORGANNWG Rhybudd o Benderfyniad y Cyngor

1. Penderfynodd Cyngor Bro Morgannwg ('y Cyngor') ar 25 Medi 2013, y bydd y darpariaethau canlynol a wnaethpwyd o dan Ddeddf Llywodraeth Leol (Darpariaethau Amrywiol) 1982 (ddwygiedig) ('y Ddeddf'), bellach yn berthnasol i ardal y Cyngor hwn:

Adran 14 – aciwbigo.

Adran 15 – tat o, croenliwio lled-barhaol, tyllu cosmetig ac electrolysis.

Adran 16 – darpariaethau sy'n atodol i adrannau 14 a 15.

Adran 17 – hawl i fynd i mewn i adeiladau (aciwbigo ac ati).

2. Bydd y darpariaethau hyn yn dod i rym ar 26 Hydref 2013.

3. Effaith gyffredinol y penderfyniad hwn, yn amodol ar yr eithriadau sydd wedi'u hegluro isod, yw bod disgwyl i'r sawl sy'n rhedeg busnes tat o, croenliwio lled-barhaol, tyllu neu electrolysis gofrestru gyda'r cyngor hwn, ac mai dim ond mewn adeilad cofrestredig y bydd ganddo hawl i gynnal ei fusnes. Mae'n rhaid i'r dystysgrif gofrestru gael ei harddangos mewn lle amlyg yn yr adeilad lle cynhelir y busnes. Mae gan y Cyngor hawl i godi tâl am gofrestru. Mae'n rhaid i geisiadau am gofrestru gynnwys y wybodaeth ganlynol – prawf o enw a chyfeiriad yr ymgeisydd, a chyfeiriad yr adeilad dan sylw'n benodol, a manylion am unrhyw addegau y dyfarnwyd yr ymgeisydd yn euog o weithredu'n groes i ofynion adran 16 o Ddeddf 1982. Mae'r sawl sy'n gweithredu'n groes i adran 14 neu 15 yn trosedd, ac o'i ddylarnu'n euog, bydd un ai'n cael hyd at £1000 o ddirwy, yn wynebu atal neu ddiddymu ei gofrestrriad ynteu'n cael ei gosbi yn y ddwy ffordd honno. Caiff swyddog awdurdodedig o'r Cyngor wneud cais i'ynad Heddwch am warant sy'n caniatáu iddo fynd i mewn i adeilad os yw'n amau bod trosedd yn cael ei gyflawni yno o dan Adran 16.

4. Bydd y Cyngor yn gwneud cais yn y dyfodol agos am gadarnhau is-ddeddfau o dan y Ddeddf hon sy'n ymwneud â glendid adeiladau, gosodiadau, pobl, offer, ddyfodolau a chylparau sy'n gysylltiedig â gwaith tat o, croenliwio lled-barhaol, tyllu cosmetig ac electrolysis yn ardal y Cyngor.

5. Eithriadau:

(i) Nid yw'r darpariaethau hyn o dan y Ddeddf yn berthnasol i unrhyw waith tat o, croenliwio lled-barhaol, tyllu cosmetig neu electrolysis sy'n cael ei gyflawni neu'i oruchwylio gan feddyg cofrestredig. ('Meddyg cofrestredig' yma yw rhywun sydd wedi'i gofrestru'n llawn yn ôl Ddeddf Ffedygol 1983 a'i drwyddedu i ddilyn ei alweddiadau o dan y Ddeddf honno).

(ii) Nid ystyrir bod y sawl a gofrestrwyd o dan ddarpariaethau'r Ddeddf a enwyd ym mharagraff 1 uchod yn cyflawni unrhyw drosedd, petai, o bryd i'w gilydd, yn gweithio mewn adeiladau sydd heb eu cofrestru, am fod pobl wedi gofyn iddo roi gwasanaeth iddynt yn eu tai eu hunain.

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 First floor apartment, living room, kitchen, shower room, double bedroom, upvc dg - gch via combi, no chain, close to shops, school & public transport. ER-D.
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BRENIG CLOSE, BARRY
 3 bedroom, semi detached, wc cloakroom, living room, fitted kitchen/dining room, conservatory, enclosed rear garden, driveway/garage.
£189,500

NEW **SSTC**
 within 24 hrs



FONMON ROAD, RHOOSE
 Spacious plot, offering ideal space to extend (subject to usual planning consent), semi detached, three bedrooms, living, dining room, conservatory, level garden. ER-D.
£214,950

NEW **SSTC**
 within 24 hrs



PHYLLIS STREET, BARRY
 Mid terraced traditional, 2 double bedrooms, living room, sitting room and dining room, kitchen, no chain, enclosed rear garden, lane access.
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NEW



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 3 bedrooms, modern detached, well presented, wc cloak, living room, conservatory, modern fitted kitchen, sitting room (converted garage), ensuite shower room, enclosed rear garden.
£209,950

NEW



FIELD VIEW ROAD, BARRY
 Semi detached, 3 bedrooms, living room leading to dining room, modern fitted kitchen, replacement bathroom, low maintenance rear garden, driveway.
£139,950

NEW



CHURCHFIELDS, BARRY
 Extended semi detached, well presented, 5 bedrooms, living room, sitting room, kitchen/breakfast, utility room/garage, enclosed rear garden, viewing essential. ER-C.
£189,950

GARAGE



WOODLANDS COURT, BARRY
 2 bedroomed, first floor apartment, living room with views over park, in need of modernising, kitchen, family shower room, upvc dg - gc heating, no chain, garage/parking.
£79,950

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DINAS POWYS PROBUS HEARS THE TALE OF THE RISE AND FALL OF CARDIFF'S TIGER BAY

ON September 17, Neil Sinclair gave a talk to Dinas Powys Probosc Club members, entitled *From Tiger Bay to Cardiff Bay, tracing the changes that have transformed the original area of Tiger Bay into what is now Bute Town*.

Born and raised in Tiger Bay, he later gained degrees at universities in California. His book, *The Tiger Bay Story*, describes his life in Tiger Bay as a boy, and he is fiercely critical of the actions of Cardiff City Council who, as early as 1955, were determined to remove the area which they considered to be a blot on its aspirations as a major city.

In 1811, Cardiff had a population of about 2,000, mainly centred around St John's Church.

But when expansion of the docks began in 1840, the population rapidly grew as labourers and dockers were brought in.

These were the boom years for Cardiff, with 14,000,000 tons of coal being exported annually.

The National Westminster bank in the docks had the largest through-put of money of any bank in Britain outside London.

Wealthy traders built large and impressive houses in areas such as Loudoun Square and Bute Street, and parks were laid out.

However, the docks and shipping brought in a large number of immigrants. In the early years of the 20th century, Cardiff was estimated to have 57 different nationalities in the area with Chinese, Cypriots, West Indians and Portuguese being prominent in numbers.

This did not suit the wealthy house owners – who fled to Cathedral Road, Llandaff and the like, and the houses they left behind were soon taken over by dock

workers. The origins of the term 'Tiger Bay' are uncertain; some believe that the sea approach to Cardiff was often stormy and the sea like a 'tiger'.

Tiger Bay itself was a very small area bounded by Canal Parade on the west, Bute Street on the east, Loudoun Square to the south, and the West Junction canal to the north.

Although there were many pubs, there were almost as many churches and mission halls.

The common perception of the residents and their homes was that they were criminal classes living in slums.

The truth is that they were usually close-knit families with no extreme social problems or racial tensions.

Perceived to be a dangerous place by those who, on the whole, had never actually set foot in Tiger Bay, the reality was that children played on the streets and in Loudoun Square Park; neighbours stood at their doors and chatted and there were regular Saturday dances and amateur concerts.

Certainly, there was a well-established gambling culture, mainly led by the Chinese. Gambling took place in shops and sometimes on the pavements.

Outside, Kerrigan's Marchioness of Bute pub was a favourite place for pavement dice games, but police raids were thwarted by Manuela, a Spanish lady, who sat in her chair outside her house in Old Angelina Street, wrapped in black.

She warned gamblers of approaching bobbies by shouting "heads-up!", at which dice and money were thrown over a garden wall to hide the evidence.

Then in the late 1950s and 60s, a 'nuclear bomb' fell on Tiger Bay when Cardiff City Council decided on a major change to the community and replace it with a council estate.

There had been much disparaging media

comment. Coloured people were refused service in cafes on St Mary's Street and evicted by the police if they refused to leave.

Why couldn't the ageing housing stock have been renovated and the population left in place, instead of being moved out to Ely and northern areas of Cardiff?

There was some bomb damage, but no worse than in other areas of the city.

The new Bute Town estate was built with bright and shiny houses and the tower-block flats of Loudoun House and Nelson House built on Loudoun Square Park.

Many people felt that the council simply wanted to get rid of "the problem of the coloured people down by the sea".

The social harmony that had existed was destroyed and replaced with the anonymity of blocks of flats, which are now widely recognised as being social disasters – and conventional street layouts abandoned, in favour of alleys where contact with neighbours was difficult.

Where once there were pubs and social clubs, there are now only churches.

However, the spirit of Tiger Bay lives on! Occasional reunions are held with people coming from as far as Canada and Germany.

The 1982 reunion is still remembered, with Winnie Roberts on stage giving her Ella Fitzgerald impersonations, followed by 'Sospas Fach' and any other songs she could remember.

But inevitably, once a population is dispersed, the togetherness fades and the "sacred territory" of the Marquis of Bute is no longer.

The vote of thanks was proposed by Malcolm McGuire. **CR**

How computers left typewriters in the 20th century!

TYPEWRITERS? Gone! Most documents are now produced on computers using word processing software.

A non-typist (me) would struggle to produce a short, error-free letter without several false starts and wasting a lot of paper to get rid of spelling errors or to use better words or phrases.

It all took time and was quite frustrating. Occasionally, an improvement would be abandoned because of the great effort that would be involved; the document would just have to do.

Several consequences arose, one being a mass of unbroken text that was difficult to read and re-locating one small part almost impossible as there was no 'picture' of the page in the reader's mind – just a block of text.

Computers have potentially changed all that. Not the time to produce documents, but the quality of the finished article. Because corrections and adjustments are so easy to make, documents often go through many stages of tweaking and improving.

Paper is not being wasted, but time is not necessarily being saved.

The biggest change is that the appearance of the end product can be much better. It then becomes easier and more interesting to read and parts can be made more memorable by the introduction of elements that make an image in the mind of the reader. The reader, after all, is the important person here.

Mike J showed members the way Microsoft's latest edition of Word is set up and where to find the controls and little menus to get the typing done. He suggested that it would be

a good idea to select fonts appropriate to the content of the document, but to restrict the variety to two or maximum three to avoid distraction. WordArt could be used sparingly to provide some interest.

Some discussion followed about the usefulness of displaying non-printing characters indicating where spaces and tabs are used. They also indicate a forced new line. Inserting a page break forces a new page to be started. This helps to prevent the subsequent pages being disturbed by alterations before the page-break.

I showed how to include graphics to help the reader form a mental image of the page. The graphic can be rotated and the surrounding text adjusted using the white space to provide a more readily remembered image of the page.

The programme comes with many prepared templates from which to choose, indicating where they are thought to be most useful.

However, if you simply want, say, personal, headed notepaper, it is possible to create your own. Many people set out a letter that they like and save a copy.

That can be used as a template by loading it; saving it immediately under a new document name then replacing the irrelevant content with new.

On greetings cards and posters, text is part of the graphics.

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Willow Close	18	Gold +	26/04/13
Brecon Court	14	Bronze	24/05/13
Coldbrook Road	23	Silver +	05/06/13
Edward Street	67	Gold	10/06/13
Elizabeth Avenue	6	Gold +	04/03/13
Hilary Rise	24	Gold	13/06/13
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Walker Road	43	Gold	19/04/13
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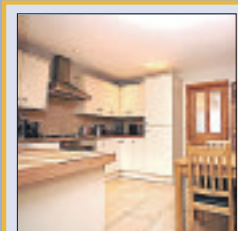


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Peacefully at his home in Llandow, Hugh, dearly loved husband of Amanda and loving father to Joshua, Naomi, Jasmine and George. Beloved son of Pat and Ben. He will be sadly missed by family and friends

Funeral service on Friday 4th October in St. Illtud's Church, Llantwit Major at 1.30pm followed by cremation at Coychurch Crematorium at 2.45pm. Family flowers only, but donations may be made to Marie Curie Cancer Care c/o the Funeral Director (cheques only please). All enquiries to W.A. Brown & Son tel. 01446 792489.

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HOWE

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important but don't go to church.

The first book off the press is *On Being a Broad Church*, which explores the challenges to faith in the 21st century. It is one of three new titles written for Beauchief Abbey Press by internationally renowned Bible scholar John Rogerson.

On Being a Broad Church will feature in the Penarth Book Festival when Prof John Rogerson comes to Penarth to give a talk and answer questions at an event at Stanwell Road Baptist Church at 7pm on October 20.

Richard said: "There are many people who have faith, or some form

of Christian connection, but don't really keep in touch with a church.

We're publishing these books to give people stimulating resources about exploring a dynamic faith in modern life. John Rogerson's work is challenging, honest, and seeks to bring to life traditional Christianity and show that it is not at odds with science, reason and modern thinking in the 21st century.

"The books will be available at the Windsor Bookshop in Penarth and online, and we are hoping that the readership will grow as people discover this fresh, thought-provoking voice."

CASTAWAYS SETTLE INTO NEW HOME



New test for 65-year-olds

MEN aged 65 who live in the Vale are being encouraged to take up the offer of a free NHS screening test which could save their life.

Launched in May 2013, the Wales Abdominal Aortic Aneurysm Screening Programme (WAAASP) offers men a quick, painless, one-off ultrasound scan to check for a condition that can be life-threatening, if left undetected.

Screening clinics are held regularly in locations such as community hospitals, community health facilities and GP practices. In the Vale, regular clinics are held in Cowbridge and Llandough.

An Abdominal Aortic Aneurysm (AAA) can happen to anybody but it is most common in men aged 65 and over who smoke; have high blood pressure; high cholesterol or have a family history of AAA.

Men aged 65 will be invited for AAA screening if they live in Wales and are registered with a GP practice.

Men who are eligible to be screened will receive an invitation letter and information leaflet through the post, offering them an appointment at a local screening clinic. The letter will give

details on where the clinic is being held.

The test measures the size of the abdominal aorta. The aorta is the main blood vessel that supplies blood to the body. Sometimes, as people grow older, the wall of the aorta in the abdomen can become weak, and stretch to form an aneurysm (a swelling). When this happens, there is a risk that the aorta may split or tear (rupture).

Llywela Wilson, head of the Wales AAA screening programme commented: "We would encourage all men who receive an appointment for AAA screening in Vale of Glamorgan to take up the offer for this quick, free and very important health check."

"Men will be invited to a local clinic to have the ultrasound scan carried out by a qualified screener, and given the results straight away before they leave. Their GP will also be sent a written copy of the results. Men found to have a large AAA will be referred to the hospital specialist team to discuss treatment to repair it."

For further information, and for a list of clinic locations, visit the website www.aaascreening.wales.nhs.uk or telephone 01443 235 161.

Left to right: Kathy Powell and June Marsh of the Castaways, Jayne Norman, Coun Margaret Wilkinson, (Mayor), Coun Chris Elmore and Jane Hutt AM.

FRIENDS and supporters recently joined members of the Castaways Club for tea and cakes at their new home, the Castleland Drop-In Centre.

The Barry club was set up in 2011 and is run by its members, who are all older people living in the Vale of Glamorgan. They meet twice a week for elevenses, lunch, bingo and social activities. The coffee morning was arranged to raise funds for the club's running costs, and to encourage new members.

They welcomed the Mayor of the Vale, Coun Margaret Wilkinson, and her consort, Jayne Norman, Jane Hutt AM, and Coun Chris Elmore, prospective Labour parliamentary candidate for the Vale.

New members are welcome; contact the club on 01446 734387.

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TABLE-TOPPING START TO LEAGUE CAMPAIGN FOR PENARTH HOCKEY CLUB

AFTER a subdued prelude, the opening round of fixtures in the 2013-14 Davis Wood Hockey League could not have provided a better start for the two Penarth sides, with a brace of convincing victories leaving the Vale's only men's team at the top of their respective divisions.

The 1st XI faced the tricky trip to Wotton-under-Edge, but travelled with the rare luxury of a 14-man squad, which proved its value as the Vale side produced a display of great intensity for full 70 minutes to come away with a valuable 4-1 victory.

With Penarth's new playing system still looking like a work in progress, Wotton started the brighter of the two teams, playing with great intent and purpose to dominate the first 20 minutes.

Good stick work from their forward eventually resulted in a penalty corner and the subsequent drag flick was sufficiently well placed to elude goalkeeper Mark Harris' best efforts at a save.

Just as captain Mark Thomas began to fear that it might be a long season, however, Penarth clicked into gear, with vice-captain Chris Baker producing his own period of inspired hockey.

Coaxing would-be defenders into poorly timed tackles, Baker gradually forced the opposition to back off too much, which allowed him to dribble into the 'D' and draw the goalkeeper before squaring the ball to Sam Chick, who slotted home to level the game.

Although Penarth then went down to ten men after Matt Birch was shown the yellow card for a dangerously high stick, the visitors managed to get to half-time unscathed, and confident that they were now the better side.

The second half was a complete contrast to the first and, after some pearls of wisdom from former skipper Rich Baker and his vice-captain sibling, it was indeed Penarth who were spurred into play with much greater intent and improved composure.

With the side restored to full strength, Baker Jr was able to convert good play down the left into a firm strike across the 'D', before Birch atoned for his time in the sin bin by doing what all good forwards should do, diving headlong to deflect the cross into the net for 2-1.

As Penarth combined stubborn defence with penetrating attack, more chances began to come their way and, despite a misplaced injection from the by-line forcing Thomas to resort to 'plan B', he took it upon himself to stop the ball at top of 'D' and fire off a snapshot that arrowed into the bottom corner.

Now 3-1 up, further icing was added to cake courtesy of some superb work from Gareth Hurman at top of 'D'. Squeezing a cheeky reverse pass to Phil Lane allowed the veteran marksman time to wind up and smash the ball into the net to complete the scoring at 4-1.

Although the game ended on a sour note as both teams were reduced in number as a combination of reckless challenges, red mist and obscure decision-making resulted in three yellow cards being brandished, it was still a great start to the season that left Penarth at the top of De Cymru & The Marches division one.

The 2nd XI welcomed the students of Trinity St David's to Barry Sports Centre knowing that, as the opposition was potentially the weakest they would face all year, a big win was vital to avoiding the sort of nail-biting season experienced in 2012-13.

With a squad featuring a number of veteran returnees and new acquisitions, Penarth

started the brighter, putting pressure on the student defence without actually breaking through and taking an early advantage. The siege continued, however, and was eventually rewarded when Dave Morgan opened the scoring midway through the half.

Despite Penarth's superiority meaning that goalkeeper Calum Grant had barely a touch in the first half, the age-old problem of not being able to convert pressure into goals continued, leaving the home side just a single goal to the good as the teams turned around.

The usual half-time encouragement from captain Nick Pratt initially appeared to have little effect as the students enjoyed greater presence in the Penarth half as the second period began, but the Vale side

gradually regained the upper hand and the combined efforts of Rory Vizard on the right flank, right half-turned-emergency goalkeeper-turned-forward Graeme Jones, veteran Derek Wooding and newcomer Arthur Jones eventually paved the way for Tom Davies to double the advantage midway.

The victory, and a healthy goal difference, was sealed when captain Pratt pulled the tactical masterstroke of substituting himself off the pitch shortly before Craig Llewellyn won a penalty corner.

Unable to take the strike himself, Pratt called on the sweeper to complete the task and he responded by crashing home Penarth's third goal of the game.

With Grant keeping a clean sheet at the other end, the Vale side's 3-0 victory was enough to

mirror the senior team's feat of taking the early lead in their division, topping De Cymru 2 ahead of the tougher challenges to come.

This coming Saturday sees the 1st XI on their travels once again, heading to Gloucester to take on Cleevillians, while the 2nd XI entertain old rivals Llanishen and Caerphilly in Barry.

Penarth Hockey Club always welcomes new, old and returning players, umpires, supporters, friends and helpers regardless of age and ability. Training takes place on the artificial turf at Barry Sport Centre every Wednesday, with the juniors in action between 6-7pm and seniors between 7-8pm. Further information can be obtained from club secretary Dave Stevens at: d.stevens81@hotmail.co.uk. **CL**

Wanderers pay tribute to Mike in Lords final

ON Sunday, September 22, Barry Wanderers and Hopkinstown met at Burnham Avenue, the home of Sully Centurions, to contest the 2013 Lords Cup final.

The game had somewhat of a shadow hanging over it, with the Wanderers playing the match just 48 hours after learning of the death of their club president and founder, Mike Ashton.

Mike was a massive part of the club and his passing was being mourned by every member of their club. However, they were determined to do their president proud, despite going into the game as underdogs against the 2013 league champions.

Town skipper Steve Pember won the toss and elected to bowl first on a wicket that looked decent enough for batting, but was sure to be damp underneath due to the recent weather. Before the game started, a minute's silence for Mike was observed by both sides and supporters.

The Wanderers' innings got off to a terrible start with Sawyer departing in the first over as he cut Hughes straight to point for 0.

Ridgwell and Keir tried to mount a recovery but the going was tough on a difficult pitch and against some fantastic opening bowling from Hopkinstown's Hughes and Pugh, and it was the latter who did for Keir with a lethal swinging delivery.

Ridgwell and Cooper then led a counter-attack with some audacious hitting, although the luck ran out for Cooper too soon for his side as he departed for 13.

The Wanderers were pleased to see Pugh finish his spell after taking three wickets and were hoping for some respite from the change bowlers - they didn't get it. Gareth Morgan came on and his slow bowling rapidly eroded the Wanderers middle-order. Both Ridgwell (30) and Denning (0) were

smartly stumped by Weekes off Morgan, with the spinner also accounting for Hill by deceiving him in the flight and bowling him for 0.

It was down to Fenton and the Wanderers skipper Hassett to try and scramble their side to a score they might defend, and together they put on the first (and, as it turns out, only) sizeable partnership of the innings.

Combining some dogged defence with some hefty blows - Fenton managed to smash one massive straight six into a local back garden - they put on 40 before Hassett was caught behind by Weekes off Morgan.

Fenton (19) soon followed and although Walsh looked to take the fight deep into the innings, the tail was mopped up and the Wanderers were all out for 109 in the 36th over. Morgan was the pick of an impressive group of bowlers, picking up four wickets for just 11 runs.

The Wanderers needed an outstanding performance from all their bowlers to stand a chance of victory, as well as a bit of luck against an experienced and talented Hopkinstown top-order.

The openers, Weekes and Pember, looked to come out and be positive, probably the best method when chasing a small total. They instantly took the attack to Hill and hit him for a few powerful boundaries early on.

At the other end, however, Walsh was bowling aggressively and quickly, bombarding the batsman with bouncers, although it was a fuller delivery that did for Weekes who left one that cut in sharply and smashed into his off-stump. Norton soon followed, again falling to Walsh who made a mess of his wicket.

Two of Hopkinstown's big guns were back in the pavilion, although Pember, the biggest one of all, remained, locked

in his own private battle with Walsh. Despite the gladiatorial contest going on between batsman and bowler, runs flowed and while it felt like wickets could continue to fall, the batsmen remained positive and played some sumptuous strokes to ensure that they never lost the ascendancy.

Pember was the chief architect of this but Walsh eventually got his man, thanks to a smart one-handed catch by Hill at slip. It was a fantastic catch but was soon overshadowed by a couple of balls later when Richards sprinted round from cover to take a diving, one-handed grab inches from the floor to account for the fourth Hopkinstown wicket.

That brought an end to Walsh's allotted 8 overs, having picked up 4 for 30.

The hope amongst the Wanderers was that these two wickets would perhaps spark some panic in the Hopkinstown batsmen - not a chance. The WCCC champions

showed what made them the best side in the conference by coasting to their target in the 22nd over and claimed a thoroughly deserved league and cup double.

The victorious skipper Steve Pember was presented with the cup by the tournament organiser, Neil Thomas, and man of the match Gareth Morgan was presented with a pair of Lords batting pads as reward for his one-man demolition job of the Wanderers' batting lineup.

It had been an enjoyable day for both sides, with the game played in a competitive but very well-spirited manner.

Not only was it a fantastic way to bring the 2013 season to a close, it was also a fitting tribute to Mike Ashton, a man who would have loved to have been there, watching his Wanderers battle it out against a champion club, Hopkinstown. **ME**

Unexpected points for Barry chess club

THE Barry Chess Club had two away fixtures on Monday.

A further five players turned up at the club to play some friendlies and get in some much needed practice - this shows the commitment of most of our players.

In division two the Camelots had an away match against the Caerphilly Kings. The Camelots were last in this division two years ago and struggled until they were eventually relegated. After 17 matches, they had recorded 16 losses and a solitary draw against the Barry Bosons.

Their final match in that season was against the Kings and against all odds the Camelots recorded their solitary victory, so it was with some optimism that we travelled up and over the mountain to again take on the Kings.

Our team was bolstered by the return of Bill Hewitt. He obtained a draw on board one to maintain his unbeaten record in his Barry career.

Lee Davis had his customary draw with John Thornton. This is such a regular occurrence that there really is no need for either of them to bother to move any pieces, they should agree the draw beforehand, giving Lee a night off!

Rhys Steele and Craig Woolcock continued their good form this term and both earned victories, with Kevin Gandy taking a good draw on the bottom board against a higher rated opponent to help us to a three and a half point to one and a half point victory.

This also equals our return from the Camelots' previous sojourn into this

division, as we now have a draw and victory but have a further 15 matches to play.

In division three the Quarks travelled to Pentrych. In this match we knew we would have to fight for anything as all five of our opponents were rated above our highest rated player, Ken Hannah.

This match also saw the return of Chris Green, who has not been available to play in a competitive match since the Welsh Knockout Cup Finals Day back in June. Chris was perhaps the star performer, earning a draw against an opponent 350 points above him in the Ratings.

Ken took a win against an opponent 300 points above him. Although we eventually lost the game by a margin of three and a half points to one and a half points, as neither Sam White, Peter Watkins or Martin Ricketts were able to trouble the scorers, this still represents one and a half unexpected points.

The Barry Chess Club meets at 7:30pm each Monday at the West End Club, St. Nicholas Road, Barry CF62 6QY. The club is open to players of all standards; whether you are interested in playing competitive chess or just the occasional friendly games.

New players are very welcome to just turn up on the night but if you contact one of the club members through the website we can explain what is happening on the night you have in mind, and arrange for someone to greet you on your arrival. For more details visit our website at: barrychessclub.yolasite.com. **PJ**

BARRY DARTS LEAGUE RESULTS

THE new season for the Barry Darts League began last Friday.

With three of the four Premier league fixtures cancelled, for a variety of reasons, the remaining game was a close affair between the two sides from the Windsor hotel. The Windsor Nomads narrowly defeated the Dartonians by 5 games to 4, Wayne Harris of the Dartonians hitting a 103 out shot.

In the first division there were wins for Pat's 26s, who beat the Starlets 6-3, and Caddy Cons Raiders won by 5 games to 4 at the Cambrian Runways.

There was also a win for the league's new team, the Throws of Despair, who beat the Mariners 6-3. **RL**

Sully bridge club

SULLY bridge club results, Monday September 23:

North/South - 1st Peter Millar/Trish Tracey 65.38, 2nd Ev Kerslake/Judith Owen 57.69; 3rd Gareth Stone/Brian Gardner 57.44, East/West - 1st Italo Basiletti/Sean Macdougall 72.41, 2nd Peter/Mary Blackwell 62.64, 3rd Helen Jordan/Marge Morgan 54.60.

Wednesday, September 25, North/South - 1st Moira

Currie/Merion Avon 57.37, 2nd Trish Tracey/Helen Jordan 57.14, 3rd Italo Basiletti/Pat Verdon 55.13, East/West - 1st Peter Millar/Chris Davis 65.56, 2nd Anne Macdougall/Pam Sherman 64.71, 3rd Judy Collins/Anne Hilary Jones 59.06.

Saturday, September 28 - 1st Peter Millar/Trish Tracey 58.85, 2nd Anne Hilary Jones/Anne Macdougall 58.33, 3rd Sue Knight/Brian Knight 55.73. **EK**

Rhose edge Cornelly

RHOSE FC came from behind to win this FAW Trophy goalfest against Cornelly United by the odd goal, 5-4, at Jenner Park on Saturday.

Rhose fought back from 2-1 down to tie leading 3-2 late into injury time, only to be thwarted by a late equaliser from the South Wales Senior League side.

The match went into extra time with Rhose quickly moving into a 5-3 lead, but the home side's nerves were on

edge following the awarding of a late penalty to Cornelly, and added time in excess of five minutes following an injury.

However, Rhose held on and are now through to the next round.

Rhose scorers were Nicky Davison (2), Drew Fahiya, Joe Hinds and Jacob Daley.

Rhose are back in Welsh League action on Saturday with an away trip to Cardiff side Bridgend Street at the Willows School in Tremorfa, kick-off 2:30pm. **AP**

Helen lands hole in one!

A Dinas Powys golfer has received a limited-edition BOSS watch after scoring a hole-in-one during a recent competition at her golf club.

Helen Hughes (49) scored her ace on the 94-yard, par-three second at Wenwoc Castle, and the 20-handicapper was rewarded with membership of the exclusive BOSS Watches H1 Club and a specially-commissioned, commemorative timepiece.

The luxury German brand has pledged to

reward club golfers with an exclusive watch for every hole-in-one recorded during a club competition between April 15 and October 31 this year. And, with nearly 4,000 holes-in-one recorded annually, BOSS Watches could feasibly be giving away £1m-worth in 2013.

The scheme is open to any golfer whose club uses HowDidiDo - a free-to-use, web-based social network for golfers - and anybody playing in official club competitions will be eligible. Currently, more than 1,800 clubs use the website.

Cowbridge under-15s start the season well

COWBRIDGE under-15s defeated near neighbours Porthcawl by the three tries to nil in a fast and entertaining game played in perfect conditions.

Within five minutes the home side were in the lead when the ball was moved quickly from a scrum through the back line to wing Sam Palmer to score in the corner.

The try was converted by outside half Cai Evans. A second score quickly followed when right wing Dan Bunney scored a similar try which went unconverted.

Porthcawl finally began to exert pressure on the Cowbridge defence, and only strong tackling by centre's Joe Nott and Rhys Beynon kept the visitors at bay. At halftime Cowbridge led 12-0.

Cowbridge continued to dominate in the second half with their pack now well on top. Owain Jenkins, Duncan Ace and Harry Hopkins were outstanding in the rucks, gaining a number of turnovers and providing good possession for their

backs.

It came as no surprise when, after 15 minutes, Sam Palmer scored his second try which was unconverted. Despite continuous pressure there were no further scores in the second half leaving the home side victorious, 17-0.

Previously, in difficult and wet conditions, Cowbridge lost narrowly to Pentyrch by just two points. Despite injuries and player commitments, which meant the visitors were able to field just a bare 15, they dominated much of the game.

To make matters worse, however, wing Joe Watts was forced to leave the field after 25 minutes with a shoulder injury, reducing Cowbridge to 14 players for the rest of the game.

The home side opened the scoring midway through the first half with a penalty but Cowbridge hit back immediately when No 8 James Holder forced his way over the line to score the first try of the match. The conversion was unsuccessful leaving the visitors leading at halftime, 5-3.

During the first period of the second half the

game swung back and forth with neither side able to add to the score. A penalty by outside half Cai Evans pushed Cowbridge further ahead but the defining moment of the game came with 10 minutes remaining when flanker Duncan Ace was yellow carded for allegedly playing the ball on the ground, even though he appeared to be on his feet when turning over possession.

Despite defending bravely with 13 players Pentyrch scored a late converted try to win narrowly over a very brave Cowbridge team. **AD**

COWBRIDGE Comprehensive School recently honoured their star sporting students at the annual presentation night. Listed below are some of the pupils who were honoured.

TENNIS
TEAM AWARDS:
UNDER-14 BOYS, CARDIFF AND THE VALE CHAMPIONSHIPS: RUNNERS UP UNDER-16 BOYS CARDIFF AND THE VALE CHAMPIONSHIPS: RUNNERS

UP: CAPTAIN, DAVID HUMPHREYS.

REGIONAL REPRESENTATION: UNDER-16 BOYS, SOUTH WALES REPRESENTATION: MATTHEW KAMAL. UNDER-18 BOYS, SOUTH WALES REPRESENTATION: TOM KAMAL.

GYMNASTICS
COUNTY UNDER-13 GIRLS TUMBLE AND VAULT CHAMPIONSHIPS: WINNERS, TEAM: TIRION EVANS AND MEGAN HODGESON. COUNTY UNDER-14 GIRLS TUMBLE AND VAULT

CHAMPIONSHIPS: WINNERS, TEAM: MIA SEXTON AND JAZMINE STEVENS.

WELSH SCHOOLS
UNDER-13 GIRLS FLOOR AND VAULT CHAMPIONSHIPS: RUNNERS UP TEAM, TIRION EVANS AND MEGAN HODGESON. **WELSH SCHOOLS**
UNDER-14 GIRLS FLOOR AND VAULT CHAMPIONSHIPS: RUNNERS UP TEAM, BRIDGET WALTERS, J A S M I N E STEVENS AND MIA SEXTON.

COUNTY REPRESENTATION:
UNDER-13 GIRLS, TIRION EVANS. UNDER-14 GIRLS, MIA SEXTON, JAZMINE STEVENS. UNDER-13 BOYS AND WELSH TUMBLE WINNER: TOM WRIGHT.

HORSE RIDING
UNDER-12 GIRLS VALE OF GLAMORGAN PONY CLUB ARENAS: ISOBEL KENNED. UNDER-13 GIRLS VALE OF GLAMORGAN DRESSAGE: RHIANNON M E D L I C O T T. UNDER-14 GIRLS VALE OF GLAMORGAN PONY CLUB ARENAS: EVIE VAUGHAN JONES.

LIFEGUARDING
UNDER-12 GIRLS, WINNERS: GIRLS WELSH STILL

WATER, HELEN JENKINS. BOARD RELAY AND MEDLEY RELAY: JESSICA WADEY. UNDER-13 GIRLS NATIONAL COMPETITION: CERY'S GRANDIN.

ICE HOCKEY
UNDER-13 BOYS CARDIFF AND THE VALE ICE HOCKEY: AARAN RAGAN, BEN MORGAN.

BOXING
UNDER-13 BOYS WELSH 40KG BOXING: JACK MORDECAI.

TETRATHLON
UNDER-13 GIRLS CARDIFF AND THE VALE TETRATHLON: MEGAN ROBERTS. UNDER-16 BOYS: JOEL HILL.

DANCE
UNDER-16 GIRLS FREE-STYLE DANCE WORLD CHAMPION: MEGAN WATSON. UNDER-14 GIRLS RUSSIAN BALLET SCHOOL: ALICE TEAGUE.

CIRCUIT RACING
UNDER-15 GIRLS WELSH SCHOOLS CIRCUIT RACE: Alys Masters.

5 X 60 AWARDS, BADMINTON
KEY STAGE 3 BOYS VALE OF GLAMORGAN WINNERS: SOUTH EAST WALES WINNERS. NATIONAL FINALS 4TH TEAM: SAM STEWART, FINN

MURPHY, MATTHEW REYNOLDS, JOSH EVANS, HENRY JONES/

KEY STAGE 3 GIRLS, VALE OF GLAMORGAN WINNERS; SOUTH EAST WALES WINNERS; NATIONAL FINALS WINNERS, TEAM: ROBYN EDWARDS, ALICE TEAGUE, PIPPA JOLLES.

BASKETBALL
UNDER-15 BOYS CARDIFF AND VALE TOURNAMENT WINNERS

CAPTAIN: DAVID HUMPHREYS.

DODGEBALL
KEY STAGE 4 BOYS VALE OF GLAMORGAN WINNERS, CAPTAIN: DAVID HUMPHREYS.

KEY STAGE 4 BOYS NATIONAL FINALS WINNERS, CAPTAIN: DAVID HUMPHREYS.

TOP ATTENDEE FEMALE OF THE 5 X 60 SCHEME: FFION MACNAMEE.

TOP ATTENDEE MALE OF THE 5 X 60 SCHEME: HARRY DONNITHORNE.

Cowbridge academy boys make TV debut

THE Cowbridge Comprehensive School Rugby Academy has started the college rugby season with two away games.

Yesterday, they were at Cross Keys, playing Gwent College. The result came too late for this edition of The GEM. The previous week they lost 12-3 at Llandovery College.

The team, made up of young players who have been talent spotted by the Cardiff Blues will play its first home game on Wednesday, October 9, at 2.30pm at Cowbridge Comprehensive.

The team are predominantly 'first year sixth form', with only five in their second year and are playing against teams who, in the main, have older players.

As a result, team boss Matt Silva told The GEM that he expected this year to be a tough one, and he said he was encouraged by the performance at Llandovery – a close game that they could well have won.

The squad at the moment is made up of Cowbridge boys, plus seven pupils identified through last season's Cardiff Blues under-16s south squad.

The team will be featured each week in S4C's programme *Rygi Pwyb* (Wednesdays, 10.30pm). Matt said that so far, the team have been in the highlights package but on October 9, they would be the main featured game.

That game will also be broadcast live – not on S4C's main channel, but on a digital streaming facility for anyone with a computer link.

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Local vaulters' success in the UK championship



Bethan and Rhiannon on Splash.



The winning squad!



ABOVE: Emilia and Josie.



ABOVE: Balance is key!



Winners on the podium.

TALYGARN vaulters achieved huge success at the British Vaulting championships held in Leighton Buzzard recently.

Carys Morgan (20) from Church Village competed in the senior female individual class, taking the Bronze section and placed sixth overall.

The class was won by world champion Joanna Eccles. This was a massive achievement for Carys who has only been vaulting two years.

The group travelled to the competition on Thursday and competed Friday, Saturday and Sunday. Both horses – Michigan and Splash – were absolutely wonderful.

Michigan, who is 20 years old, scored his first six which qualifies him as an international vaulting horse.

Results: Carys Morgan (senior individual) sixth and first in Bronze section.

Squad A came second in the pre-novice, and squad B came first in the

team walk class.

Robyn Edwards (12) Cowbridge and Poppy Loveland (10) Cardiff won the walk pairs with Bethan Davies (12) Talygarn and Rhiannon Hill (14) Cowbridge were second. Also, Emilia Johns Powell (12) and Josie Dix (10) both from Cowbridge took seventh place.

The novice individual was won by Ffion Bennett (15) from Miskin.

The Walk Trio of Carys Morgan (20) Church Village, Ffion Bennett (15) Pontyclun and Josie Dix, Cowbridge, came first.

'Pre nov' individuals were: first Robyn Edwards (12) Cowbridge, third Kara Jordan (17) Swansea, and the Walk Individuals Section A Ellie Marie Evans (9) 3rd; Section B Poppy Loveland (10) Cardiff first, Libby Johnson (10) Pencoed, second; and Section C Jessica Kingdom (15) Treherbert fourth.

CHRIS ROGERS

Temporary changing rooms at Jenner Park

THE council's cabinet took a decision at its meeting on September 23 to permit the installation of temporary changing facilities at Jenner Park.

The current changing facilities are part of the bar and function room building and council officers say they have recently become aware of an imminent threat to the provision of utility supplies serving the entire building.

The council is permitted access to the current changing rooms which it insists should be appropriately serviced by all the relevant utilities. The council says it will be pursuing the matter and a range of other concerns with the current leaseholder.

As the matter is likely to take some time, the cabinet were asked to agree to the installation of temporary changing facilities to ensure that Jenner Park remained operational as a sports stadium in the short term.

Coun Neil Moore, leader of the council, said: "It is disappointing that we have had to take this decision, but I will not stand back and allow any person to detrimentally affect the council's interests in this way."

"Our officers are now pursuing all the council's interests in respect to the current lease arrangements with vigour, for which they have the cabinet's full support."

Coun Gwyn John, cabinet member for leisure, parks, culture and sport development, said: "Jenner Park is one of the council's most important sporting assets and as a council, we have been forced to take action to secure the continuation of higher league football matches within the Vale, which could be at serious detriment should there be any break in the provision of suitable changing facilities within the stadium."

Llantwit's Nicky fights back to win first contest

IN his first competitive bout, Nicky Cox of Llantwit Major ABC took part in a boxing tournament at the Conservative Club, Barry Island on Friday September 27.

Nicky's opponent was Rauri Crocatt, of the host club Barry East End ABC.

The two well-matched boxers got off to a fast start, with Nicky being overwhelmed by the occasion; however, he started to throw some good clean shots.

The second round saw Nicky landing some hard blows that caused the referee to administer a standing count of eight. Rauri was showing signs of fatigue at the end of the second round.

In the last round, Nicky must have thought he was in Strictly Come Dancing – he did a full 360 on three occasions, that made the referee give him a public warning and the Barry boy two points.

However, this did not prevent the referee holding up Nicky's hand to

announce him the winner.

Nattawut Snowdon (Woody) Llantwit Major ABC, a first year pupil at Llantwit Major Comprehensive, boxed Ethan Sellam Always ABC, over three well-matched rounds.

Woody took advantage of his reach, landing some good scoring shots throughout the contest, only to lose the bout on a 2-1 decision.

The next boxing show for the club and the Vale Police team is at the Vale Hotel, Hensol, on November 9.

To sponsor a bout, or purchase tickets, contact Gareth Owen on 07817673506.

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OSPREYS HEAD TO PORTHCAWL

This Monday (October 7), players from the Ospreys will be attending Porthcawl RFC at 6pm to carry out training with the under-12s and under-14s.

They will be carrying out attack and defence drills and will also hold a question and answer session with the players

Cricket club pays tribute to founder



Mike Ashton.

CRICKETERS around the Vale have paid tribute to a man who was the driving force and founder of Barry Wanderers Cricket Club.

Mike Ashton, who has died at the age of 64, taught at Bryn Hafren School for many years, but much of his leisure time was taken up by his enthusiasm for cricket.

He ran the south Wales cricket bureau, where club's looking for fixtures at short notice can be matched up but, overshadowing his other cricketing achievements was his role in founding Barry Wanderers.

The team were the Wanderers because

for 15 years they had no ground, with Mike arranging a series of away trips.

However, that changed in 1985 when Mike and friends were given a disused vegetable garden at Sully Hospital – and Mike was at the forefront of transforming it into the Wanderers' base.

Mark Ellis, a fellow Wanderer, told THE GEM that Mike took huge pride in the fact that the Wanderers are still going strong today. In total, Mike played more than 1,500 games for the club.

His funeral will be on Wednesday, October 9, at Adams Funeral Parlour, Gladstone Road, Barry, at 1.45pm.

Barrivale bridge club

LATEST results from Barrivale Bridge Club, September 24:

1st Peter Millar & Mike Best 69.52%; 2nd Irene Thomas & Graham Jones 57.62%; 3rd Kay Dyer & Noelle Bond 56.25%. Bryn Gough & Dave Reed won on handicap.

The competition for improving players, the

Nancy Malpas Memorial Trophy, was won by Sean Macdougall & Dave Thomas.

New members are always welcome at Barrivale, if you would like to join us ring 01446 418380 or 01446 733425 or call at the Pioneer Hall, Beryl Road, Barry on Tuesdays at 7pm.

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Evan's Newton Abbot double

Lancarfan's Evan Williams had plenty to smile about at the recent Newton Abbot meeting.

His seven-year-old De Faoithesdream landed the Paul Newbold 50th Birthday Celebration Novices' Chase, and his six-year-old Argaum took the Bet Totepool Text Tote To 89660 Selling Handicap Hurdle.

The former, a 2-1 chance, ridden by stable jockey Paul Moloney, won by 10 lengths from Tiny Tenor and the latter, who was partnered by Connor Ring, got home by a neck from Bazart, trained by Bernard

Llewellyn at Bargoed. Argaum went off the 7-2 favourite in a field of 14 runners.

On Sunday, October 13, Ffos Las Racecourse are staging their Countryside Raceday.

A day to embrace the countryside air and enjoy superb jump racing, there will be free family entertainment including Merion Owen and his Quack Pack, birds of prey, fly tying, parade of hounds and a lot more; no doubt Vale trainers Tim Vaughan, Evan Williams and John Flint will be strongly represented.

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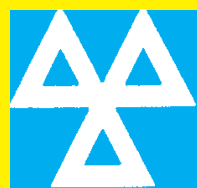


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GEM sport

Barry fall to defeat

BARRY RFC travelled the short distance to Cardiff last Saturday to face Llandaff RFC more in hope than expectation.

They were shorn of 14 first team players, of whom five were injured and the remainder decided their loyalties lay elsewhere.

The weather and playing surface were perfect for open attacking rugby. The only cloud on the horizon was an official who had graced this fixture when it was last played.

The visitors went on the offensive from the outset and were soon into the lead with a well-struck penalty from Lee.

The home side played a tactically astute game, which revolved around their half backs and a skilful back row. It was this combination that opened up the Barry defence for three tries within the first 30 minutes of the match. Such success would not have come their way had the visitors been more familiar with each other's play.

Barry stuck to their task manfully and limited the opposition to a further long-range try before the interval.

The arbiter struck at the start of the second period with the award of a

penalty try to the home team. This did not deter Barry who were showing some real grit in taking the game to the opposition.

At this juncture there were outstanding contributions from White, Flynn and Vidal. They all grew in confidence the more they became used to their compatriots' play.

They took the game to Llandaff and began to dominate both possession and field position. Despite, or because of, attempts by the home team to intimidate, the whole team performed as a distinct unit.

During this period it was significant that Llandaff were yellow-carded for time-wasting and other attempts to prevent an away score. Barry obtained their just reward with a bustling try from the outstanding Rhys O'Sullivan.

Despite a deserved 36-8 victory, the margin flattered the home side; all the Barry players showed admirable resolve with every single one standing up to be counted.

Barry: Lee, White, Provis, Busitil, Poole, O'Sullivan, Mephram, Jennings, Vidal, O'Sullivan, Flynn, McTavish, Giddings, Poole, Degaura, Heard, Lundy, Westall Gallivan.

CO

Dinas FC edge 10 goal thriller!

NEWPORT YMCA centre-half Craig James was injured in the first minute of the game but was okay to continue after lengthy treatment.

The early pressure came from Dinas with Dimitri Fallas getting a shot away which was wide and Chris Bramhill laying the ball off to Carlos Indjai who skied the ball over the bar.

However it was the hosts who opened the scoring when Aaron Stewart was played in by Luke Young, and he hit a fine shot to beat Dinas keeper James Curtin on the 15 minute mark.

Dinas were having more possession, getting in a number of crosses which came to nothing and they were made to pay when YM were awarded a free kick in the 37th minute, taken by Dan Cueto, and he struck it perfectly into the top corner from 25 yards with Curtin unable to get across his line to attempt a save.

Dinas kept plugging away and were rewarded right on halftime when, after a goalmouth scramble, Paul Penikett managed to force the ball over the line to pull one back for the visitors.

Dinas came out straight on the attack for the second period and a good cross from Fallas found Ryan Garland but his header was just over the bar.

Just when it looked as though the pressure would eventually bring Dinas level, they lost possession in their own box and Stewart fired YM into a 3-1 lead six minutes into the half.

Fitness began to tell and Dinas upped the work rate, pushing Paul Penikett further forward. A determined run from Dinas skipper Paul Dawes ended with a shot that was just wide.

They then brought on fresh legs, Bramhill making way for Luke Swaffield just 10 minutes into the half and five minutes later Ben Ah-Mun replaced Fallas.

Despite a few half-chances for the hosts, Dinas were getting well on top and a good run and cross from Ah-Mun resulted in a YM defender slicing the

ball into his own net for 3-2.

Dinas sensed the game was there for the taking and another mazy run down the left wing and an excellent cross by Ah-Mun found Dawes, who slotted the ball home just inside the left upright to equalise.

The visitors then introduced new signing from Spain, Marc Bonet, for Connor Parsons. Two quick goals then put Dinas in the ascendancy, the first from a Swaffield corner which was met at the far post by Paul Penikett to head home, and then a cross from Swaffield was tucked away by Penikett for his hat-trick and a 5-3 lead for Dinas.

YM were still dangerous on the break with strikers Phil Tranter and Luke Young giving the Dinas defence problems at times with their determined runs and Young got behind the defence and shot from an acute angle but hit the side-netting.

Dinas netted their sixth with probably the best goal of the game, a long goal kick reached Ah-Mun and he shook off his marker to strike a sweet shot into the top corner to make it 6-3 with seven minutes remaining.

The visitors could have had a couple more when a corner was half cleared to Garland but his effort was just over the bar and good inter-passing between Indjai and Ah-Mun put Penikett through on goal but his volley was just wide.

However it was YM who had the last say, a good cross from the right by Tranter finding Joe Bichard at the far post and he headed home for a 6-4 win to Dinas.

Dinas host league leaders Briton Ferry Llansawel on October 5, where they will have to tighten up their defence to stand a chance of getting something from the game.

Squad: 1 James Curtin, 2 James Marr, 3 Ryan Garland, 4 Dave Penikett, 5 James Bloxham, 6 Paul Penikett, 7 Paul Dawes (c), 8 Connor Parsons, 9 Dimitri Fallas, 10 Carlos Indjai, 11 Chris Bramhill, 12 Luke Swaffield, 14 Ben Ah-Mun, 15 Marc Bonet, 16 Victor Arnau.

PK

DINAS POWYS RFC INFLICT HEAVY DEFEAT ON PORTHCAWL

AFTER three consecutive weeks and three wins on the road, Dinas Powys RFC finally made this season's home debut as they played host to visitors Porthcawl on the Common.

The conditions were truly autumnal as the crowd gathered to support the home team, amongst them special guest, club president Mr Graham Campbell, who had made a journey from his home in the Midlands to watch the incumbent squad in action.

Dinas Powis kicked off into the wind and a number of frantic exchanges ensued. The powerfully built Ashley Morgan made his presence felt early on as his thumping tackle dislodged the ball from the attacking players grasp.

Within a heartbeat, the captain and fly half David Lloyd managed to break over the gain line and weave his way from within his own 22 to score the first try of the

match under the sticks, giving full back Nic Coles a simple conversion attempt. Within five minutes the hosts were a promising 7-0 ahead.

The tackling was brutal as both sides challenged for the ball at each and every opportunity. It was during one such encounter that scrum half Matt, who was making his debut for Dinas Powis, suffered an excruciating injury to his knee and had to leave the field, making way for replacement Kieran Spear.

The Villagers pack, fronted by Tom Patterson, Nick Vaggas and Mike Jones, won the ball against the head, giving the backs a platform from which to break.

Winger Duke Durham, playing his second season in the first XV, showed his blistering pace to run in the game's second try out wide in the corner. A difficult conversion attempt from the captain and fly half David Lloyd managed to break over the gain line and weave his way from within his own 22 to score the first try of the

match under the sticks, giving full back Nic Coles a simple conversion attempt. Within five minutes the hosts were a promising 7-0 ahead.

A difficult kick from the far edge of the pitch was expertly slotted between the posts to increase the score between the teams by seven points.

The following ten minutes of play were the best of the half for the away team. Sustained pressure on the defending Villagers drew two penalties in quick succession, both of which were successful.

As the half time whistle sounded the score stood at a promising 19-9 to the Villagers.

Nic Coles was presented with an opportunity to ease Dinas further ahead within minutes of the restart, which he took, and a loose kick from visitors just two minutes later allowed James Smith to break from within his own half and score a superb solo effort in the corner.

With Coles successfully converting, the game

seemed to be slipping away from Porthcawl, the gap a now substantial 20 points at 29-9.

Dinas were now truly rampant and James Smith ran in his second try, Coles with the extras.

Morgan Williams was sinning binned for 10 minutes and Porthcawl took advantage of the extra man and managed to score their first try of the game, with Dinas' Gary Ahmed being showed the yellow card in quick succession for failing to retreat 10 metres. Dinas were now down to 13 players and the score 36-16.

Despite being two players down, Dinas continued to show enterprise and shortly after Morgan returned to the field, Porthcawl were reduced to 14 men as their open side flanker was dismissed for 10 minutes. Nic Coles converted the penalty and the score moved to 39-16.

In the final ten minutes of the match Dinas would score tries on a further two occasions, the first through Durham (the conversion was missed) and the final score came courtesy of prop Mike Jones.

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RHIAN LANDS BRITISH TITLE

ON Saturday, Barry Kyokushin Karate club attended the IKO GB open tournament, held in Ware, Hertfordshire.

The tournament saw competitors coming from all over Europe to compete. Sarah Walker, Richard Stafford and Rhian Evans were there to represent Barry this year.

Sarah Walker competed in Cadet Knockdown and had trained hard in the run up to the tournament but was, unfortunately, struck by illness two days before the tournament.

However, not wanting to let the club down, Sarah competed. Although Sarah was knocked out in the early rounds, when she came up against last year's champion, Sarah stood strong against this seasoned opponent and was very unfortunate not to place.

Senpai Phill (club instructor/coach) said: "Had Sarah been 100 per cent I think she would have been in the top three of this category."

Richard Stafford was next to compete in Clicker (Semi Contact). This was Richard's third tournament and in the early rounds he dominated his opponents with speed and precision in techniques.

Richard was able to go through to fight for third place but was very unlucky not to place. Senpai Phill said: "Richard improves every year, his time will come, he had some very hard fights and its only a matter of time before he's collecting the medals."

Finally Rhian Evans competed in Kata. Rhian attended her first tournament in March this year at the English Open and took home the gold in Kata.

However, this time, Rhian was competing in Kata against much higher graded students. Rhian (at the time) was an 8th Kyu (Blue Belt) and was in a category competing against two third

Kyu's (Green Belts) and a Black Belt.

It was clear from the outset that Rhian's competitors would be performing more complex Kata's and intimidation might shake this young Kata champion.

But Rhian took to the mat and announced her Kata to the judge with a stern determined voice - Rhian's entry level Kata was Gekesai Dai (a Kata for 3rd Kyu grade).

She performed this Kata with excellent precision and ability and scored the highest of all her competitors, sending her sailing into the final rounds.

Yet again, when she was called, Rhian marched on to the mat with determination and attitude and announced her Kata (Yantsu) and performed impeccably - so much so Rhian actually scored 0.4 higher than the competitor that came in second place, making Rhian British champion.

Senpai Phill said: "Rhian has achieved two major titles in one year, and considering she has only been training with Barry Kyokushin for a little over a year, it is incredible what she has achieved."

"Rhian has attended summer camps, referee's course and extra training at the Branch Chief of Wales dojo, which is why Rhian has achieved what she has. One more year competing nationally and I am going to start looking at sending Rhian to compete at international level, she really does have what it takes."

Barry Kyokushin Karate club train out of Castledale community centre Mondays and Wednesdays, juniors (6-15) 6.30pm to 7.30pm and seniors (16-plus) 7.30pm to 9.00pm.

If interested please call 01446 408974 or visit www.bkkc.co.uk or find us on facebook: Barry Kyokushin Karate Club.

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Phoenix rise at tournament

A small number of the Rising Phoenix Taekwon-Do students recently attended the WOMAA Interclub tournament on Sunday, September 22, which raised money for Diabetes UK.

In the patterns section, Catrin Smith and Tamzin Williams came joint third, while Dafydd Smith took the gold medal.

In the sparring sections, the students excelled and Vaughn Bowie (6), taking part in his first tournament, came away with gold in the points section and gold in the continuous sparring section. An unbelievable achievement and one that was thoroughly deserved.

Dafydd Smith competed in the next height category and came away with silver medals in both the points and continuous sparring.

Alfie Jones, another beginner, achieved a bronze in points sparring and silver in continuous sparring sections in his categories.

Next was Tamzin Williams, again taking part in her first tournament. She took bronze

in the points sparring and silver in continuous sparring.

Finally, the last student to take part was Catrin Smith, who took bronze in the points sparring and clinched a very well deserved gold in the continuous category.

Caie Copp, one of the black belt instructors of the club, also assisted with coaching on the day as well as competing. He won an impressive two gold medals and a silver in the various senior sparring categories.

This finished off a truly memorable day, while at the same time helping to raise money for a very worthwhile cause.

Rising Phoenix Taekwon-Do Club train twice a week - at Highlight Park Community Hall on a Tuesday between 6pm and 7.30pm and at The Hub, Barry YMCA, on a Thursday between 5.30pm and 7pm.

The club welcomes adults and children aged 6 upwards.

If you would like any further information, please contact us on either 07971 055247 or admin@risingphoenix.or.g.uk.

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